

10/13/58

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47736)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-16785)
SUBJECT: JAMES JACKSON
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ReNYairtel, 10/10/58.

NY 694-S advised on 10/10/58, that in an effort to clarify the identity of "IVANOV", mentioned in referenced airtel as a Pole, the informant again discussed "IVANOV" with JACKSON on 10/10/58. On this occasion JACKSON described IVANOV as Second Secretary of the Soviet Delegation to the UN. (This would identify "IVANOV" as BORIS N. IVANOV subject of Bufile 105-37428.)

The informant regrets his mistake, stating that he undoubtedly had become confused by references JACKSON may have made to Poles.

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4 - BUREAU (100-47736) (RM)
 (1 - 105-37428) (BORIS N. IVANOV)
1 - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (7-5)
1 - NY 105-28407 (BORIS N. IVANOV) (17)
1 - NY 100-16785 (7-5)

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(1 - Supervisor J. J. KEARNEY)

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-89403)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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Re airtel dated 9/15/58 captioned, respectively, "CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, IS - C," and "SOLO - IS - C," particularly with respect to the contemplated trip to the Soviet Union of ALEXANDER TRACHETSKY.

On 10/13/58, SA [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on 10/13/58 TRACHETSKY said he had discarded his plan to visit allies throughout the USA before going to Moscow. Instead, he will go abroad a few days after he receives his passport. TRACHETSKY also stated that as yet he has not had an opportunity to have a detailed discussion with EUGENE BROWN regarding his contemplated trip abroad. TRACHETSKY also indicated that before leaving the USA, he desires "a complete briefing" by SA [redacted] in order to avoid becoming involved in "inconspicuous" while in the Soviet Union.

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The informant reiterated his request that the Bureau advise those means whereby TRACHETSKY may be prevented from going to Moscow.

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4 - Bureau (100-3-81)(RM)
 1 - SAC, New York (100-89403)
 1 - Chicago (100-16)(OO 100-3-81)(INFO)(RM)
 1 - NY 100-89403 (ALEXANDER TRACHETSKY)(7-5)
 1 - NY 100-89403 (EUGENE BROWN)(7-5)
 1 - NY 100-89403 (INFO)(7-5)
 1 - NY 100-89403 (7-5)

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1 - SUP. JOHN KEARNEY (7-5)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)(7-5)

10/14/58

SA [] (7-0)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect identity of informant.

On 10/14/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SA [] that on this date informant was busily engaged in converting bonds of \$5,000 denominations into cash. Informant stated he was converting these bonds, which were the collateral placed by the CP for bail for JAMES JACKSON, in behalf of JAMES JACKSON.

Informant further described the bonds as being Government bonds of the "6772" issue. Informant stated that the Party had borrowed the money from individuals friendly to the Party to purchase these bonds at \$100 and now they were only getting back \$88 on the bonds. Informant stated that this represented a loss of money to the Party, inasmuch as everybody who loaned money to the Party was insisting upon the full return of their money.

1 - NY 134-91 (INV)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-74560 (7-5)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - NATIONALISM
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Revised 10/12/58

NY 100-3-68 advised on 10/16/58, ^{that} the previous evening, 10/15/58, he had learned from JAMES JACKSON that there were 31 people present at the right wing conference which was held at the Sheraton-Hempden Hotel. JACKSON stated that the CP does not have all the names of those who were present at this meeting. However, ROBERT THOMPSON told JACKSON that eventually the CP would get the names. JACKSON said that at the right wing meeting corresponding committees were setup for the next 6 months and that the right wing would meet again in 6 months. He said that they (the right wing) do not as yet have any definite program other than the corresponding committees with which to keep in touch with one another.

JACKSON said that the contact that the Party had concerning the right wing meeting was a girl who used to be on the executive ^{committee} in the Bronx with ROBERT ADAMS.

It is believed that the girl whom JACKSON was referring to is MARIE JONES, who was a member of the Bronx County CP Committee Staff as of 9/30/57. JAMES

1-New York (100-3-68) (6/4)
1-New York (100-10-75) (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)
1-New York (100-120473) (MARIE JONES) (12-10)
1-New York (100-84722) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
1-New York (100-120473) (ROBERT ADAMS) (7-5)
1-New York (100-87211) (NY) (7-5)
1-New York (100-87211) (7-5)

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resigned from the CP on 1/2/54, but said she was not
against the CP and would continue her fight for
socialism in the United States in her own way.

JONES has been in contact of EDWARD J. ARIS
for a period of time and ARIS has appeared to have an
amorous relationship for JONES.

EDWARD J. ARIS

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47735)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-10705)
SUBJECT: JAMES JACKSON
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IS - C. Reurited 10/9/58 captioned "CP, USA - JACKSONISM."

NY 84-2* advised SA [redacted] on 10/16/58 that on the previous evening JACKSON stated he would be in Philadelphia on 10/16/58 for consultations regarding removal from CP membership of JOE HENNESSY and DAVE DRYER. JACKSON mentioned that "VINCE from Cleveland" (probably VINCENT FINEY, former Cleveland CP functionary now residing in Philadelphia) temporarily is organizational secretary in Philadelphia. JACKSON said he had been unable to go to Philadelphia on last week end.

Philadelphia advised by telephone.

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1 - Bureau (100-97735) (RM)
1 - Philadelphia (100-) (JAMES JACKSON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-) (JOE HENNESSY)
1 - New York (100-) (DAVE DRYER)
1 - New York (100-) (VINCENT FINEY)
1 - New York (100-) (NY) (7-5)
1 - New York (100-) (CP USA - ORGANIZATION) (7-5)
1 - New York (100-) (7-5)

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1 - SUP. JOHN KEARNEY (7-5)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-122261)
SUBJECT: CP USA FUNDING (RELEVANT FUNDING)
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Document 1 dated 10/20/58.

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It is noted that on 10/17/58 NY 694-22, who has furnished reliable information in the past instance, orally advised SAs [redacted] regarding a

1-NEWARK (100-5-102) (RM)
 1-NY 100-5 (Inv) (7-5)
 1-NY 100-74990 (to USA FUND) (7-5)
 1-NY 100- (HONORARY DOUGLAS) (7-5)
 1-NY 100- (JIM HARTWELL, contact of HONORARY DOUGLAS, per NY 694-54) (7-5)
 1-NY 100-10570 (MARION ROSE) (7-5)
 1-NY 100-10600 (7-5)

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Meeting of a new CP USA Finance Committee (Barnes) held on 10/20/50 at the office of NY 694-S* in NYC. NY 694-S* was also to elaborate further on information received during this meeting then conducted on 10/20/50. Present at this meeting were JAMES HENRY, LEO HANSEN, and NY 694-S*.

During the meeting HENRY reported to the other individuals present the identity of certain donors during the past years to the CP USA Finance Fund. HENRY stated that the one name "Barnes" was mentioned for JAMES HENRY, who is further described as the former wife of JAMES HENRY, who was a teacher at South College. HENRY stated that Barnes originated from the family that owned an interest in the company of Sam Low and Company.

HENRY stated that BARNES' previous contributions to the CP USA had amounted from approximately \$50,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, and that he himself in the past had contacted her regarding this matter. He stated that BARNES' previous association with the CP was always held in great confidence on the party side, and that security in this matter was as much important then as now. He said that as of the present time the contributions of BARNES' would be received from "a friend or a friend of a friend."

HENRY then commented that the donations to the CP USA of BARNES' would now be received through a Mrs. HANSEN. He said that this matter completely was discontinued when HANSEN became under investigation himself. HENRY also commented that one of the ways for further security in this matter was the fact that Mrs. HANSEN's son, or sons, were currently or in the past employed by the Security Division of the US Department of State.

NY 100-100001

NY 604-20 received the impression from WOFFE's conversation that Mrs. HARRWELL was a resident of Washington, D.C., but he was not certain of this matter.

NY 604-20 continued that if any open investigation was conducted of Mrs. HARRWELL or her sons at this time it could possibly compromise him. He said it was also possible that WOFFE had revealed this information regarding Mrs. HARRWELL for the purpose of double checking the other individuals present at this Finance Committee meeting.

The files of the NYO have been reviewed in an attempt to identify Mrs. FAY HARRWELL with negative results. It is noted that the NYO has conducted investigations on one HALE CHAMBERLAIN HARRWELL, was; SS-N (Profile 100-41129) and NY 214 100-117070, who was born in 1904. This individual currently resides in Long Island City, NY, and is married to one ALAN HARRWELL. Both Mr. and Mrs. ALAN HARRWELL were reliably reported to be CP members in the 1930's. The investigation of HALE CHAMBERLAIN HARRWELL does not reflect her to be the parent of any sons, although she is reported to have a daughter. HALE HARRWELL attended Smith College in the period 1922 to 1926, so it is possible she could have been associated with EUGENE BOULAS who was known to be a teacher at Smith College.

Information pertaining to EUGENE BOULAS will be disseminated to the Boston Division (office of origin in the BOULAS case) by separate communication.

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The NYO is taking no further action regarding Mrs. FNU HARTWELL, mentioned above, pending instructions from the Bureau. The Bureau has been requested to make discreet inquiry through Bureau liaison to determine the identity of any past or present employees of the Department of State named HARTWELL.

For information.

FOUWER

SAC, NEW YORK (100-88297)(7-5)

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SA [] (7-0)

CP, USA - CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
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On 10/17/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable
information in the past (conceal), orally advised SAS
[] that he had determined
from JAMES EDWARD JACKSON, JR., during the past week that
[] was the person who had been recently appointed
to be in charge of and responsible for all cultural activities
of the [] State CP.

① - NY 134-91 (INV)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-128824 (CP, NYD - CULTURAL ACTIVITIES)(7-6)
1 - NY 100-91308 [] (12-15)
1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES E. JACKSON, JR.)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-88297 (7-5)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-21785)(6)

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SA [] (7-0)

SAM BROWN
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the following information to protect identity of informant.

On 10/17/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable
info in past (conceal), orally advised SAS []
[] that earlier on the same date
informant, at his office, had received a telephone call for
SAM BROWN.

Informant stated that the person requesting to
speak to SAM BROWN, who was not present, has attempted to
contact BROWN in the past on several occasions, but in the
past had refused to leave any name. Informant stated that
this person attempting to contact BROWN spoke with a heavy
accent and on 10/17/58, the person advised NY 694-S* that
his name was KALMICOFF or TALMICOFF (ph).

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1 - NY 100-21785 (6)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128861)(7-5)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, FUNDS (RESERVE FUND)
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IT IS NOTED THAT THE BUREAU HAS ADVISED THAT COPIES OF REPORTS ON THE RESERVE FUND HAVE NOT BEEN DISSEMINATED DUE TO THE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED AND THE SOURCES INVOLVED. THE BUREAU HAS ALSO ADVISED THAT SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION MUST BE CONDUCTED ONLY IF THERE IS NO CHANCE OF COMPROMISING THE SOURCES INVOLVED AND THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED WHICH WILL IN ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH THE SOURCES INVOLVED. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN THIS AIRTEL IS KNOWN TO ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF CP OFFICIALS AND THEREFORE UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN ITS HANDLING.

- 4 - BUREAU (100-3-102)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-3-63)(CP, USA, Funds)
- 4 - CHICAGO (100-34108)(CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Fund)(Info)(RM)
 - (1 - 134-46)(Inv)
 - (1 - 100-33742)(CP, USA, Funds)
 - (1 - 100-3470)(MORRIS CHILDS)
- 1 - DETROIT (100-13740)(HELEN WINTER)(Info)(RM)
- 2 - SAN FRANCISCO (100-) (CP, USA, Funds(Reserve Fund)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-2247)(GRACE MC DONALD)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-128314 (CP, NYD, Funds)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-128861 (CP, NYD, Funds (Reserve Fund)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-7658 (LEM HARRIS)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSY)(7-5)

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1 - NY 100-64061 (JACK CHILDS)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-12481 (BERNARD ADES)(12-10)
1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-66110 (SAM NEUBERGER)(12-11)
1 - NY 100-21785 (SAM BROWN)(6)
1 - NY 100-111180 (STANLEY LEVISON)(12-15)
1 - NY 100- (ROY LEVISON)(12-15)
1 - NY 100-81338 (CP, USA, Security Measures)(7-5)
1 - NY 100- (HULDA LNU, F, former school teacher, current
CP member, once resided in Washington, D.C., a
close friend of DOROTHY DOUGLAS, per NY 694-S)(7-2)
1 - NY 100-14419 (FREDERICK V. FIELD)(7-2)
1 - NY 100- (CP of Mexico)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-70303 (Twelfth-Thirteenth Realty Corp.)(7-1)
1 - NY 100-58757 (DAVID FREEDMAN)(12-15)
1 - NY 100-47632 () (7-5)
1 - NY 100- (DOROTHY DOUGLAS)(7-2)
1 - NY 100-66938 (BOB COE)(12-12)
1 - NY 100-110803 (ROSE COE)(12-12)
1 - NY 100-64424 (CHARLES KELNER)(12-10)
1 - NY 100-94165 (HY MANDELL)(12-14)
1 - NY 100-31769 (Prompt Press)(7-1)
1 - NY 100-25868 (BORIS COHEN)(12-15)

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On 10/17/58, NY 694-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information to SAS [redacted] regarding a meeting of a CP, USA, Finance Committee held on 10/10/58 at the office of BERNARD ADES in NYC. Informant stated that this was an official meeting called by ROBERT THOMPSON and although it was held in the office of ADES, ADES did not participate in the meeting and during the meeting remained in a separate room.

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First Meeting of Finance
(Reserve) Committee, 10/10/58

NY 694-S identified the following individuals as present at this meeting: ROBERT THOMPSON, LEM HARRIS, ISADORE WOFSY and JACK CHILDS.

ROBERT THOMPSON made the principal report to this meeting and stated that this committee had been OK'd by EUGENE DENNIS and ROBERT THOMPSON and had been approved by the Auditing Committee of the CP, USA, which consists of MORRIS CHILDS, of Chicago, and HELEN WINTER of Detroit. He stated that this committee is not and will not be a public finance committee and will only be known to the individuals present and mentioned. THOMPSON stated that the purpose of the committee and the objectives by which it may be guided are "to revitalize finance work that has deteriorated in past years; to use initiative in revitalizing old enterprises and contacts and to look seriously into the business of getting new donors and new enterprises."

THOMPSON stated that this committee can recruit subcommittees but the subcommittees in no case should know more than their specific functions and that no details of the personnel or function of the main committee or of any other subcommittee should be known to any subcommittee. He stated that the first objective of this committee is to stop the dwindling away of what is left of the CP reserve fund. He said that this is a Finance Committee of the National Office of the CP and therefore is national in character and scope.

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THOMPSON pointed out that the committee will, when necessary, function with other state or district organizations cooperatively and if necessary will share with the states monies received from donors or enterprises if the states helped in obtaining these funds. However, he pointed out that if it is requested by a donor or a businessman, he will not be revealed to any state organization and his security will be maintained and the only individual outside of the new committee to know his identity will be the main Audit Committee.

THOMPSON stated that the identity of ISADORE WOFSY and LEM HARRIS can be more or less semi-public inasmuch as they are well-known in CP circles, but that in the case of JACK CHILDS, his security should be maintained and continued, and he should avoid all CP offices and institutions where he might become identified with the Party.

In his report, THOMPSON admitted that he had made some mistakes in relation to the committee on finance. He stated that his order to WOFSY and HARRIS that they reveal the list of donors to the NY State CP (specifically BEN DAVIS and WILLIAM ALBERTSON) was a mistake and the damage has been done. He urged the committee to try to rectify this mistake by going to the State CP organization and attempting to determine what has been done with the list of donors and urge them to honor the agreement they had with the CP organization that money they received from their donors will be shared on a 50-50 basis with the National CP organization. THOMPSON pointed out that this would not be an easy task, but that as a beginning the new Finance Committee should try to recruit SAM NEUBERGER of Brooklyn to function with, or for, or jointly with the committee.

It was agreed that LEM HARRIS would consider appointing NEUBERGER to a special subcommittee of this new Finance Committee.

ROBERT THOMPSON stated that the NY State CP organization, to his knowledge, as of this date, had not formed a similar Finance Committee although they have discussed the formation of such a committee. THOMPSON stated that SAM NEUBERGER

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and SAM BROWN had been considered by the NY State CP organization for possible membership on a State CP Finance Committee. In this connection THOMPSON commented that this Finance Committee would work jointly with any State Finance Committee that might be formed although he pointed out that the National and State CP never got along in financial matters inasmuch as there was keen competition between them.

ROBERT THOMPSON complimented the individuals present for having done good work in the past difficult years during very difficult periods. He suggested that this new Finance Committee meet as often as possible and again in the near future so they can independently arrive at their own decisions. He said that he, himself and EUGENE DENNIS would give whatever assistance needed and that if necessary they would be available at any time to contact important Party donors. THOMPSON further stated that the reports of this committee will be forwarded to the CP, USA, Auditing Committee through either himself or EUGENE DENNIS.

After THOMPSON had finished his report there was a discussion in which LEM HARRIS stated he would do his best in connection with the work of the committee, but at the present time he was limited for time. He stated that he is currently in the insurance business which is his livelihood. He said that his first love was farm work and some time he would like to return to this type of work. THOMPSON stated that he agreed and he understood this problem, but that LEM HARRIS should continue with this committee for a while.

ISADORE WOFSY spoke of the problems he had had in connection with his financial work in behalf of the CP in past years and expressed his appreciation that this committee was formed and that it was composed of experienced people. He said he welcomed the committee and believes it may solve difficult problems and that perhaps the dwindling donors to the reserve fund could be built up once again. He suggested that the committee meet at least once a week stating that for the next several months it will be necessary for the committee to be a close knit body if they are to achieve results.

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JACK CHILDS spoke briefly endorsing the report of THOMPSON regarding the new committee and stated that since he has not been in this work for some time he would suggest that before he offer any positive suggestions he hear the reports of HARRIS and WOFSY so he may be acquainted with the financial state of affairs and other problems. CHILDS expressed agreement that the committee should meet often and placed his personal office at the disposal of the committee as a meeting place for future meetings of the committee.

It was agreed by those present that no further details would be reported until the next meeting of the committee and ROBERT THOMPSON emphasized that this was to be a secret meeting and that details should be limited to only those present.

Second Meeting of Finance
(Reserve) Committee, 10/16/58

NY 694-S advised that on Thursday, 10/16/58, between the approximate hours of noon and 4 p.m., a second meeting of the new Finance Committee was held at the office of JACK CHILDS in the Flatiron Building, NYC. The informant identified the following individuals as present: ISADORE WOFSY, JACK CHILDS and LEM HARRIS.

ISADORE WOFSY prefaced the committee meeting by stating that it should be first understood that no names or amounts should be spoken and that all reference to individuals or amounts of money should be written down on slips of paper. In view of the time limit, WOFSY stated he believed that the activity of this new Finance Committee should commence with a report on the reserve for the prime purpose of briefing JACK CHILDS.

WOFSY stated that he would take one person or enterprise at a time. He would point out what they had done in the past couple of years, what they are doing now and any problems in connection with what they are doing at present.

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"LEE"

WOFSY held up a paper in his hand and pointed to the name "LEE". He questioned those present if they knew who "LEE" was. When the individuals present stated they were not familiar with "LEE", WOFSY stated that this designated STANLEY and ROY LEVISON. He said that here is a situation that is deteriorating and is not of the best relationship. He said that it is necessary that something be done immediately to improve this situation with the LEVISONs and that we must get them back to contributing in the same amount as they have in the past. WOFSY stated that he believes that ROY and STANLEY LEVISON may be diverting some of the money they formerly contributed to the reserve to the State. WOFSY stated that the following are donations made by "LEE" in the past several years:

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| 1956 | Gave \$41,000 |
| 1957 | Gave \$25,000 |
| 1958 | Looks as if only \$12,000 will be donated |
| 1959 | Have indicated and pledged to give \$12,000 |

WOFSY stated that this drop in the size of the contribution of "LEE" is a serious situation. He said that although he contacts "LEE", he is not able to see them as often as he would like and he believes that this may be due to some political thinking on their part. WOFSY suggested that a leading comrade such as EUGENE DENNIS or one that the LEVISONs have respect for should have a talk with the LEVISONs in an attempt to inspire them to do better.

WOFSY pointed out that their's is an important question of security with the LEVISONs and this must be always kept in mind.

JACK CHILDS suggested that it might be a good idea to have MORRIS CHILDS speak with the LEVISONs for it is known that the LEVISONs hold MORRIS CHILDS in utmost respect. CHILDS stated that he, himself, would also like to speak to the LEVISONs not only about donations but on the possibility of forming new business enterprises.

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"FRAN"

WOFSY stated that the next person on the list is FRANCES DAMON, whom he designated as "FRAN". In connection with DAMON, WOFSY stated that this is a problem of a different nature. He said that DAMON was giving us money at the rate of \$500 a month or \$6,000 a year. He said that in 1957 DAMON gave \$10,000, while in 1956 she had given \$12,000. WOFSY pointed out that it is not a question of DAMON actually giving less money because hers is a legal problem in which she is permitted to deduct only so much money for expenses. WOFSY pointed out that DAMON is actively involved in the ownership of the Cole Pineapple Company.

In referring further to "FRAN", WOFSY suggested that perhaps it would be possible to assist DAMON with her problem. He stated that she is in the 50 to 70 per cent tax bracket and that in view of this she would willingly give from \$30,000 to \$90,000 to an enterprise which would lose money, so as to lower her tax bracket. WOFSY said that it is up to us to think about this problem and to consider if there is any way that we could take advantage of this situation.

WOFSY commented that BERNARD ADES must give the "OK" on any agreement made with DAMON to form an enterprise as "he seems to be the mentor with her."

"CALIFORNIA"

WOFSY stated that the word "California" designated GRACE MC DONALD who resides in California. He set out her contributions to the CP reserve as follows:

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| 1955 | Gave \$12,000 |
| 1956 | Gave \$10,000 |
| 1957 | Gave \$ 3,000 |
| 1958 | Gave \$ 3,000 |

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WOFSY said that "California" is another problem and MC DONALD must be visited on the West Coast to see if her contribution to the reserve may again be up to \$12,000 a year.

"KU--SMITH"

WOFSY stated that the designation "Ku-Smith" stands for DOROTHY DOUGLAS. He said that DOROTHY DOUGLAS was the divorced wife of Senator DOUGLAS, who was a teacher at Smith College and her family originated from the business enterprise of Kuhn Loeb and Company. He said that the contribution to the reserve fund of "Ku-Smith" has dwindled from \$30,000 per year to \$15,000 per year. WOFSY commented that he was the contact to DOROTHY DOUGLAS for many years and that the CP always held in strictest confidence the membership of DOUGLAS on the Party rolls. He said that security is now more important than ever before and that presently money received from DOUGLAS comes through "a friend of a friend of a friend." WOFSY pointed out that they need to establish better contact with DOUGLAS and that the committee should agree that the security aspects of this contact must be respected. This was agreed and it was set out that perhaps LEM HARRIS would be able to contact DOUGLAS through HULDA LNU. HULDA was described by LEM HARRIS as a former teacher and a current CP member who once was located in Washington, D.C. It was stated that HULDA was a close friend of DOROTHY DOUGLAS and that she was formerly a professor at some school in New England. It was also pointed out that HULDA is currently married to a prominent Catholic professor.

"ROSCO"

WOFSY stated that the term "ROSCO" signifies ROSE and BOB COE who have been large donors over the years, but who have suddenly ceased their contributions to the CP. WOFSY stated that the COES believe there is no use giving money to the CP because so many people are absconding with funds. WOFSY pointed out that the money available from ROSE and BOB COE actually originates with ROSE COE who inherited the money from her family. WOFSY stated further that the COES use to give funds from \$3,000 to \$10,000 annually, but that this year they do not intend to give any funds to the CP.

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The committee agreed that either EUGENE DENNIS or ROBERT THOMPSON should talk personally to BOB COE in an attempt to have him continue contributing to the CP reserve. It was also agreed that the matter of "ROSCO" should be discussed further.

"FF"

WOFSY stated that the symbol "FF" was used by him to designate FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD. He said that FIELD has given nothing in the past year and that one of the problems with the contribution of FIELD is distance, inasmuch as FIELD resides in Mexico. He said that it possibly would be a good idea for one of the Party leaders to travel to Mexico to sit down and have a serious talk with FIELD. WOFSY commented that the Party considers FIELD to be a fine person for the Party as well as a large contributor to the Party.

WOFSY further stated that although FIELD comes to NY approximately once a year, in all likelihood it would not be feasible to talk to him during his visit to the city. He suggested that it might be feasible for LEM HARRIS to travel to Mexico to line up an appointment for a prominent CP official to meet with FIELD.

LEM HARRIS stated that when he last visited Mexico to see FIELD in connection with the negotiation for the purchase of the building at 23 West 26th Street, NYC, from FIELD (which building is presently the CP Headquarters building), FIELD was exceptionally friendly although the question of money was not discussed. HARRIS further stated that when he was in Mexico City to visit FIELD, he conferred with ALBERT MALTZ who is in charge of the CP people in Mexico. LEM HARRIS stated that MALTZ succeeded in getting all the American Party members to contribute money to the CP, but that MALTZ did not ask FIELD to contribute.

MISCELLANEOUS DONORS

WOFSY stated that other than the above donors, there is also a Milwaukee donor by the name of MASTERS, a Gary, Indiana, donor and a New Jersey donor which he did not care to discuss at this time. WOFSY pointed out that MORRIS CHILDS

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is familiar with these donors and that JACK CHILDS, at an early date, should make plans with MORRIS CHILDS to have the latter look into the availability of these donors for current contributions.

Twelfth-Thirteenth Realty Corp.

WOFSY stated that the income from the building on Twelfth Street (35 East 12th Street, NYC) is dwindling and at the present time amounts to practically nothing. He stated the building was managed and controlled by CHARLES KELNER, but the legal documents of ownership are in the hands of Attorney DAVID FREEDMAN. He said that the corporation which owns the building consists of HY MANDELL, DAVID FREEDMAN and one other individual. According to WOFSY, FREEDMAN can and does control MANDELL in cases of important decisions regarding the ownership of the building.

WOFSY said that the Party, at the present time, is only netting \$200 a month from the ownership of this building where at one time they used to net \$12,000 a year. He said that the CP is supposed to get part of the salary of KELNER (as a kickback) which salary now amounts to over \$10,000 a year. He said that at the end of the year KELNER has, and is supposed to in the future, give from \$3,000 to \$4,000 to the Party from the net profit of the building corporation. WOFSY stated that aside from KELNER's bad attitude, the building is in bad shape since four of the floors are empty. WOFSY stated that there is a mortgage of \$100,000 on the building although the building is appraised for over \$300,000. WOFSY stated that in view of KELNER's attitude the committee should give consideration to selling the building; however, in the event they do sell the building there is a problem of what to do with KELNER for WOFSY stated he felt KELNER was capable of resorting to blackmail.

Prompt Press

WOFSY stated that Prompt Press presents a very serious problem and that the revenue from this enterprise has been reduced from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year to practically nothing.

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He attributed the lack of revenue primarily to the arrogant attitude of BORIS COHEN who manages this enterprise. WOFSY stated that the last move of COHEN was to take he, himself (WOFSY) off the payroll of Prompt Press. WOFSY said that the matter of Prompt Press has left the Party "up a tree" and it must be looked into in the immediate future.

(NY 694-S advised that after the meeting WOFSY spoke confidentially with the informant, and stated that he desired to relate to the informant the following facts primarily "to get them off my chest." WOFSY stated that the circumstances surrounding Prompt Press are giving him nightmares for there is no way that the CP can prove that Prompt Press is Party property. WOFSY stated that after the CP put hundreds of thousands of dollars into Prompt Press they are now unable to even claim ownership of this enterprise. He related that some time back BORIS COHEN was called to Washington to testify before a Congressional Committee. At the time COHEN, of necessity, requested the ownership documents of Prompt Press inasmuch as it was necessary that he show these to the Congressional Committee. According to WOFSY, the Party reluctantly made available these ownership papers to COHEN and COHEN altered the legal documents of ownership to reflect himself to be the sole personal owner of the company. WOFSY related that COHEN used ink eradicator to alter these documents and that COHEN claimed it was necessary for his own protection that the ownership of the Prompt Press Company be in his name alone. WOFSY pointed out that the manner in which COHEN altered the documents of ownership would lead to a scandal if the CP attempted to prove their ownership. WOFSY further commented to the informant that he probably should not have told this to the informant but he just had to "get it off my chest.")

In view of the time, it was necessary that WOFSY discontinue his report at this time. He advised those present, in closing the Finance Committee meeting of 10/16/58, that the reserve fund could expect a total income of about \$30,000 in the year 1959. It was agreed by those present that the next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held at Noon on

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Wednesday, 10/22/58, at the same location at which time WOFSY would continue his report and when ~~he~~ was complete LEM HARRIS would make his report on his knowledge of the reserve fund.

The Bureau will be kept advised of further developments.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - United States Government

To : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-105) Date: 10/14/58
From : SAC, NEW YORK (100-131666)
Subject: CP, USA - SOUTHERN REGION
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On 10/6/58 NY-694-S*, a highly valuable informant whose security must be protected, furnished SA [redacted] with the following comments of JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary for Southern and Negro Affairs:

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1 - New York 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)
1 - New York 100-91330 [redacted] (7-6)
1 - New York 100-34032 (LOU BURNHAM) (12-11)
1 - New York 100-80640 (CP USA NEGRO QUESTION) (7-5)
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At the present time there is no CP activity in Kentucky, but there is in that state a group of people who could be "activated" at any time. JACKSON knows that this is a "good" group since he organized these people when, during his CP underground activities, he spent some time in Kentucky.

The same situation exists in Tennessee. The CP there is temporarily dormant, but could be activated in a short time. In Florida, Virginia, and Texas, CP membership is "small but good". The success of "Negro work" in these states is in direct proportion to general CP activity there. Through HOSEA HUDSON, who visits these states twice a year, JACKSON is advised of the CP activity there.

In Florida, Texas and Virginia the CP is organized on a state level; in North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana and Alabama, on a section level. In a number of these states CP activity - including Negro work - is centered around universities, of which CP people are members of the faculties. In states like Tennessee and Arkansas, the CP is organized on a club level.

JACKSON is submitting to the CP a proposed budget of \$20,300.00 for Southern and Negro affairs for the period October 1, 1958 to October 1, 1959. Should this budget be approved, [redacted] will be a full-time paid functionary at a salary of \$3,900.00 per year, coordinating state, section and club organizations in the South.

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JACKSON estimated that there are between 250 and 300 people, the majority of whom are white, who either are active, or can be activated, in Negro work in the South. Numerically small, they nevertheless are in "strategic centers" in the South. Some of them are people of prestige in their communities. Such individuals will concentrate on placing their names on the ballot of the Democratic Party. This should be comparatively easy in states requiring only a small number of names on a nominating petition. JACKSON

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noted that the proposed budget included an item of \$3,000.00 for electoral work, particularly in Virginia and North Carolina.

JACKSON concluded his remarks concerning the Southern Region by remarking that LOU BURNHAM makes several trips to the South each year, and that in view of anticipated further activity in the South, BURNHAM would maintain ever closer liaison with the CP in the South.

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- 1 - NEWARK (100-2974) (MARTHA STONE) (INFO) (RM)
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 - (1 - 100-) (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION)
 - (1 - 100-1763) (STEVE NELSON)
- 1 - LOS ANGELES (100-) ([REDACTED]) (INFO) (RM)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-54651 (CP, USA, National Groups) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-2545 (Abraham Lincoln Brigade) (7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-47211 (STEVE NELSON) (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-81495 (HARRY HAYWOOD) (12-15)
- 1 - NY 100- ("BELLA" LNU, former wife of HARRY HAYWOOD) (7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-467 (BILL LAWRENCE)
- 1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-50090 ("SID" STEIN) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-17923 (JOHN GATES) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-25693 (EARL BROWDER) (7-4)
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During a conversation on 10/15/58 with the informant, STEVE NELSON stated that he no longer is active in the Pittsburgh CP, and that he came to NYC to get a job. He is residing at the home of "BELLA", former wife of HARRY HAYWOOD. His present address is 63 West 106th Street, and his telephone number is MO 3-7047.

He is presently employed as a printing broker by the Direct Mail Printing Company, located at 15 West 20th Street, the owner of which is a "Mr. BERG." "BILL" LAWRENCE also is employed by this company as a printing broker.

NELSON left Pittsburgh because of the antagonistic attitude of the CP leadership toward him. The "payoff" was ROBERT THOMPSON's calling a meeting about a month ago in Pittsburgh, and telling the nine people present that NELSON "had no business remaining in Pittsburgh." He blamed NELSON for the deplorable CP situation there, whereas he should have known that the situation was not attributable to NELSON - that the CP membership there dwindled despite NELSON's efforts to increase it.

There are now only 60 CP members in Pittsburgh, and in view of that fact, NELSON considered THOMPSON asinine when the latter asked why the Pittsburgh CP had nobody in "Steel" and in the N.M.U.

NELSON will experiment with his job at "Direct Mail" for a month. If all goes well, he will remain in New York, and bring his family here. They are still in Pittsburgh. If not, he will go to the West Coast, where he has "connections."

NELSON has not changed his thinking. He knows that as a result of leaving Pittsburgh he eventually will be removed from the CP National Committee. Regardless of what happens, he will remain in the Party, and will be active in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and in "National Groups."

He wants to remain in the Party with "the right to disagree." He is in favor of a Marxist movement along American

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lines. He "refuses to bow every time the Russians sneeze." He will respect the struggles and thinking of all Communist Parties. He desires fraternal relations with them but will not countenance "dictating to us."

NELSON did not attend the recent "Right Wing" meeting in New York, but he had been invited to attend it. About a month ago in Philadelphia, MARTHA STONE mentioned that she intended to resign from the CP, and that a "Right Wing" group, identical with the group which held the recent meeting in New York, was being formed.

Although NELSON did not attend the aforesaid "Right Wing" meeting, he met [redacted] after the said meeting, and from her he ascertained that about 30 people had attended the meeting. [redacted] said that she and "SID" STEIN disagreed concerning whether there is today in the USA "a strong current of Marxism." [redacted] felt that there was not. SID insisted there was.

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Little, if anything, was accomplished at the "Right Wing" meeting. No program of activity was set up. They did, however, set up a "corresponding committee" for the purpose of "keeping in touch." This committee will operate for six months, and then another conference will be held.

At the aforesaid meeting it was agreed not to form a separate group or Party. At the moment the intention of the group is "to keep in touch with one another and to watch the Party." Of the group who attended the said "Right Wing" meeting, three are still in the Party.

Nelson is opposed to DENNIS' attitude, which is "to regard the CPSU as the Party of wisdom and to bow when the Russians sneeze." NELSON disagrees also with SID STEIN, who opposes internationalism to the point where "he is a nationalist - practically a chauvinist." NELSON disagrees also with JOHN GATES, EARL BROWDER and NAT ROSS, who think as STEIN does.

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informant.

On 10/22/58 NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SAS [] that informant had determined on the weekend of 10/18-19/58 from WILLIAM WEINSTONE, NY State CP Education Director, that as of that weekend the registration of the Faculty of Social Science had reached 225. WEINSTONE stated that 50 more are expected to register in the next few weeks for courses at the Faculty of Social Science.

WEINSTONE further stated that the CP was very pleased at this registration which may surpass the 282 which were registered at the last term of the now dissolved Jefferson School of Social Science. He further stated that the CP is optimistic that they will eventually obtain a registration of 300 or more at the Faculty of Social Science.

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1 - NY 100-66110 (SAM NEUBERGER)(12-12)
1 - NY 100-132033 (23 West 26th Street Corp.)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)(7-5)
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1 - NY 97-169 (Publishers New Press, Inc.)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-21 (Morning Freiheit)(7-1)
1 - NY 100- (FNU GOLOS, associated with Morning Freiheit,
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1 - NY 100-58757 (DAVID FREEDMAN)(12-15)
1 - NY 100-12481 (BERNARD ADES)(12-10)
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On 10/22/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, (conceal) orally furnished information to SAS [redacted] regarding the third meeting of the CP, USA, Finance (Reserve) Committee that was held on 10/22/58, beginning at noon for approximately two hours in the office of JACK CHILDS at the Flatiron Building, NYC. It is noted previous meetings of this committee were held on 10/10/58 and 10/16/58.

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Third Meeting of Finance
(Reserve) Committee, 10/22/58

NY 694-S* advised that the following individuals were present at this meeting: LEM HARRIS, JACK CHILDS and ISADORE WOFSY (who was appointed chairman).

23 West 26th Street Corporation

ISADORE WOFSY opened the meeting by stating that on 10/21/58, the 26th Street building transaction had been finalized and completed. He said this transaction was completed in view of the fact that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG had turned over to WOFSY the sum of \$30,000, which sum represented the surplus resulting from the sale of the Jefferson School of Social Science building and the recent purchase of the CP Headquarters building at 23 West 26th Street, NYC. WOFSY stated that this sum had been given to him in cash by TRACHTENBERG and that it was lucky that these funds had been received at this time because on the previous day the reserve fund was completely depleted.

As a result of this \$30,000, according to WOFSY, the reserve fund has the prospect of having the following monies to work with between now and the end of 1958:

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| \$30,000 | Surplus on 26th Street trans- |
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| 5,000 | Due from the F & D transaction |
| <u>6,000</u> | Due from Prompt Press |
| Total \$41,000 | Available to reserve until end of 1958 |

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F & D Printing Company

NY 694-S*, in way of background, stated that the F & D Printing Company stood for "Freiheit" and "Daily" and that this company contained the mechanics and printing shop for the publication of both the "Morning Freiheit" and the "Daily Worker."

WOFSY reported that the \$5,000 amount that was due from the F & D Printing Company to the reserve fund represents cash that was left over when the "Daily Worker" was dissolved and when the "Morning Freiheit" commenced separate independent operations. WOFSY explained this by stating that in order to dissolve, the "Daily Worker" required \$40,000. This \$40,000 amount was obtained in a transaction in which \$20,000 worth of the F & D printing machinery was sold and \$27,000 was realized from the sale of the rotary press used for publishing the paper. By manipulating between the two newspapers it was possible to take care of the \$40,000 debt of the "Daily Worker" and for the "Morning Freiheit" to continue. The \$5,000 currently available to the reserve fund resulted from money which the "Morning Freiheit" obtained as a result of the dissolution transaction and is paying back to the CP on the basis of a loan.

WOFSY further explained that the "Morning Freiheit" was originally loaned \$15,000 but that \$10,000 of this \$15,000 sum will be used to pay back taxes and for whatever severance wages are due some of the printers who worked for F & D. He stated that FNU GOLOS, one of the former owners and managers of the F & D Company, who is now retired and living in California, is still involved in the dissolution transaction. The transactions, according to WOFSY, are involved and complicated and must go through GOLOS, but they were worked out by Attorney DAVID FREEDMAN, and accountant BERNARD ADES.

NY 694-S* stated that the above transaction is very involved and that WOFSY was unable to adequately explain it to the other two individuals present at the Finance Committee meeting,

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but he had indicated that the "Morning Freiheit", at the present time, is utilizing the sum of \$17,000 in connection with the dissolution of the F & D Company and for continuing the "Morning Freiheit" on an independent basis. Of this \$17,000, \$5,000 is due to the reserve fund and the balance is being handled by FNU GOLOS in connection with the dissolution of the F & D Printing Company.

(Informant commented here that WOFSY is inclined to use "double talk" and in involved matters it is almost impossible to follow his thinking.)

WOFSY stated that the \$6,000 mentioned above as due the reserve fund before the end of 1958 from Prompt Press will not come in the form of cash, but is actually a credit to the CP from Prompt Press and will be paid in the form of trade (printing, etc.) to the CP.

WOFSY continued that of the \$41,000 mentioned above, he will attempt to give the National Office only \$1,000 per week for their current expenses and he anticipates this amount will take care of the National Office debts when added to those funds received from dues and the fund drive. He said that so far this year the National Office has spent about \$80,000, but he anticipates he will have enough funds to cover the National Office expenses for the balance of the year with the present reserve funds of \$41,000.

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"LEE"

ISADORE WOFSY at this point discussed the matter of "LEE" (code name for CP donors STANLEY and ROY LEVISON), whom he stated he had attempted to contact since the last meeting of the Finance Committee. He said he was unable to contact STANLEY LEVISON because STANLEY was "busy and involved" with the Youth March on Washington. (NY 694-S* suspects the possibility that STANLEY LEVISON is playing an important role for the CP behind the scenes in the March on Washington.) WOFSY stated that although he was unable to meet with STANLEY LEVISON, he had met ROY LEVISON and found his attitude exceptionally good. ROY LEVISON promised WOFSY that there is no need to worry regarding the remaining \$4,000 due from "LEE" for the balance of 1958.

WOFSY continued by stating that one JOE FILNER operates a business, which in the past has been very lucrative and which deals with scrap iron, for "LEE," who apparently are the owners of this business. (The NYO believes this business is possibly the North Liberty Steel and Metal Corporation, Greenville, Pennsylvania.) WOFSY continued that in its lucrative years, a good part of the money from "LEE" was derived from this scrap iron business, which is managed by FILNER for STANLEY and ROY LEVISON. However, WOFSY stated that in the past year, the business has furnished no money to the Party. He said that ROY LEVISON stated that, although FILNER is still operating this business, it is currently "very slow" and one of the reasons that it was slow, aside from the economic situation, was that the FBI was probing into the operation of the business. ROY LEVISON stated that he knew the FBI was interested in this business inasmuch as they had determined that the FBI had made inquiries regarding the business from Dun & Bradstreet. (The informant infers that this indicates the LEVISONs have a source of information at Dun & Bradstreet.)

WOFSY continued by stating it was necessary that JOE FILNER be extremely careful in the conduct of the scrap iron business because some of the places in which he obtains scrap require clearance inasmuch as they are associated with the Government or are operating under a Government contract.

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WOFSY further stated that ROY LEVISON had complained to him that he and his brother are besieged by many individuals who are under the impression that the LEVISONs are independently wealthy. (Informant drew the inference from this statement that there is a possibility that the scrap iron business and other enterprises of the LEVISONs are actually owned by the CP and only under the immediate control of "LEE.")

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WOFSY commented that he had seen [redacted] whose code name is [redacted] during the past week and she had promised to increase her payments to the Reserve in the year 1959 to \$10,000 or \$12,000, which represents an increase from the \$6,000 she has promised for 1958.

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WOFSY continued by stating he had also contacted CHARLES KELNER during the past week and KELNER had indicated he will be able to pay \$1,100 of the debt he owes the Reserve Fund in the near future. (NY 694-S* pointed out that this amount represents a "kickback" that KELNER had agreed to pay the CP from his salary for the management of the business at 35 East 12th Street, NYC.) WOFSY commented that the CP is currently seriously considering selling the building at 35 East 12th Street, but that KELNER is unaware of this plan, and he will not be informed of this plan until the problem actually arises.

PROMPT PRESS

WOFSY stated that another problem which may be expected to arise within a year is in connection with the lease on the premises occupied by Prompt Press. He said that the lease is scheduled to expire within a year, and BORIS COHEN, who manages Prompt Press, has given every indication that he wants to get out of the business. The problem here, according to WOFSY, is how to change the ownership and who will take over the operation of Prompt Press, and this problem is contingent on whether COHEN "plays ball" (leaves the company without argument) or "pulls a

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fast one" (sells the company for his own benefit). WOFSY stated that the CP does not want to sell Prompt Press, in spite of the fact that there is one-quarter of a million dollars in the plant. He said that the CP must have such an operation in the case of emergency or in the event of another trying period, such as the 1949-1959 period, in order to print Party literature.

WOFSY continued by stating that the most likely candidate to take over the Prompt Press shop to succeed COHEN is one KARL (LEICHTMAN). He described KARL as the present ostensible owner of the New Union Press, which is on the same floor as Prompt Press and is actually the same operation. (NY 694-S* commented that the title, New Union Press, was utilized so a different printer's "bug" could be used in connection with the trade union publications which are published by New Union Press.) WOFSY described KARL as a very trusted person, who started working at Prompt Press in approximately 1948 or 1949, and who has a fine CP background, being a nephew or relation of J. PETERS. WOFSY said that if COHEN agrees to leave Prompt Press and KARL takes over, the Party will sell part of the machinery of the Prompt Press inasmuch as they consider the printing shop at the present time over expanded.

THE BROOKLYN SITUATION

LEM HARRIS then furnished his report for the past week. He said he had contacted SAM NEUBERGER, whom he had met to discuss whether or not the latter would work for the Reserve Fund as a member of a subcommittee. HARRIS told NEUBERGER that he had spoken with BOB THOMPSON, who had said that the situation in Brooklyn is no longer serious (reference is to the absconding with funds of Brooklyn CP functionaries).

With respect to the fact that the Brooklyn situation is no longer serious, Neuberger said, as far as he personally could see, THOMPSON did not know what he was talking about, and that NEUBERGER did not understand why THOMPSON would talk that way unless he was involved in Party politics. Further, as far as NEUBERGER was concerned, the Brooklyn situation had not been cleared up--"it still smelled to high heaven." He said that

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he and [] did not see eye to eye--that they had almost come to blows regarding the financial situation in Brooklyn. At the present time, [] refuses to talk to him or to have anything to do with him. NEUBERGER mentioned specifically that the matter of NORMAN SCHRANK absconding with money has not been cleared up, and that he, NEUBERGER, is anxious to "straighten out" the Brooklyn situation. He indicated he would be willing to sit down with THOMPSON and BILL ALBERTSON, of the New York State CP, and hear from them how the Brooklyn situation supposedly has been "straightened out." He said, as far as he was concerned, at the present time he could not raise \$10 in Brooklyn. He said that many of the former contributors there whom he has contacted are far from satisfied with the financial situation in Brooklyn.

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HARRIS said that he would try to arrange such a meeting for NEUBERGER. Later, HARRIS went to see THOMPSON and told the latter, frankly, that there were inconsistencies in the stories of THOMPSON and NEUBERGER with respect to the Brooklyn financial situation. He told him that there was "something wrong". He indicated to THOMPSON that either THOMPSON didn't actually know the situation, or was holding back information. He suggested that perhaps "politics" was involved. He told THOMPSON that the situation was serious and that "somebody is lying." He said that the situation had to be clarified as soon as possible.

LEN told WOFSY and CHILDS that a meeting would be held involving HARRIS, NEUBERGER, THOMPSON and BILL ALBERTSON to discuss this situation. WOFSY indicated that he was quite concerned about HARRIS' report and favored having the issue discussed frankly with THOMPSON and the others. WOFSY also indicated that the Finance Committee should take steps to recruit SAM NEUBERGER to work in behalf of the Committee as soon as possible.

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CAMP WINGDALE

LEM HARRIS continued his report by stating that the situation at Camp Wingdale was extremely serious. He said that the camp still had a bad reputation, and that although they have attempted to overcome the reputation with a "so-called new setup," the reputation has continued and become worse. LEM indicated that the reputation was not only that Wingdale (formerly known as Camp Unity) still had the reputation of being a Communist camp, but also, it now had a reputation for "wild parties." Under the new setup, according to HARRIS, the name of the camp was changed and the camp was leased to BOB STECK and SOPHIE (SAROFF) for a term of five years, with a rent of \$2500 per year. It had also been agreed that what profits were achieved from the operation of the camp should be turned over "quietly" to the CP.

LEM continued by stating that when BOB STECK had taken over Camp Wingdale, he was considered to have a very fine character, but that he is no longer the same man. He said STECK's attitude has changed; he is now indifferent, and he has permitted the camp to "run wild," which has resulted in a loss of business. LEM stated that the camp is one year (\$2500) behind in their rent, and as a result of this poor management, he recommended STECK be removed and a new person be put in charge of the camp. LEM stated that he would recommend one MURRAY LEWIS, who was a former school teacher who had been expelled by the Board of Education, to be the new manager of Camp Wingdale. He said that he had no complaint regarding SOPHIE (SAROFF) and was of the belief that she should be retained on the camp staff. He said he would also recommend that next summer more Party people be placed on the staff of Camp Wingdale in an attempt to better control the operation of this resort. LEM stated that he would not recommend that the camp be sold at this time.

In connection with the poor reputation of Camp Wingdale, LEM stated that he had been informed that a waitress who worked at the camp on week ends, in a period of less than an hour, had received three "propositions."

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VICTOR RABINOWITZ

LEM HARRIS also reported that attorney VICTOR RABINOWITZ, who recently has come into a large sum of money, should be better handled, as far as contributions to the CP are concerned. LEM stated that at the present time, RABINOWITZ had complained that too many individuals are contacting him for contributions to the Party. LEM stated that he recommended that one person be designated to contact RABINOWITZ in the future.

THE HOLLYWOOD SITUATION

Just prior to adjournment, WOFSY and HARRIS briefly commented regarding contributions from individuals in Hollywood. WOFSY stated that the Party has been out of touch with Hollywood for some time in the sense of not having received large contributions. He said that it was now time to "revitalize" Hollywood. LEM HARRIS proposed that the best way to re-establish contributions from Hollywood would be to talk to some of the "cultural people." He said that perhaps PHIL BONOSKY should be contacted in this regard, and that also, if possible, contact should be made with JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, Hollywood screen writer. LEM stated that he would be on the "lookout" for an opportunity to make contact with LAWSON.

(It is noted NY 694-S* on 10/17/58 advised that he had recently determined from JAMES JACKSON that PHIL BONOSKY was the Party person responsible for and in charge of all cultural activity.)

At adjournment, it was agreed that the Finance (Reserve) Committee would meet again in approximately two weeks to further discuss the Reserve Fund operation.

NY 694-S* noted that the agenda at this meeting was not as he had anticipated--that at the prior meeting, it had been agreed that WOFSY and HARRIS brief him regarding past activities of the Reserve Fund, particularly with respect to the identities

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of the businesses and of the donors. The informant pointed out that he was in no position to direct the agenda of the meeting, and that he did not consider it wise to demand that the agenda follow the course as previously indicated. He feels that in the future, he will eventually obtain the identities of the businesses and of the CP donors.

The Bureau will be advised concerning future meetings of the Reserve Fund Committee.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect identity of informant.

On 10/20/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal) orally advised SA [redacted] that informant had determined that the full National Committee, CP, USA will meet in New York City on December 6, 1958.

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NY 694-S* also advised that EUGENE DENNIS had decided that GEORGE MORRIS would depart from New York, to travel abroad, on 12/10/58, following the full meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA. NY 694-S* requested that CG 5824-S* be advised of MORRIS' travel date at the earliest possible date.

NY 694-S* received the above information on 10/20/58 from JAMES E. JACKSON, JR.

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On 9/29/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, (conceal) orally furnished information to SAS [REDACTED] JAMES P. KEHOE, and [REDACTED]

Photographs and passport data concerning certain individuals who had obtained passports to the Soviet Union between 1930 and 1938 (see NY 100-105630 1B2 (1)) were exhibited to NY 694-S*. These photographs had originally been received by the Bureau from the office of ASHLEY NICHOLAS, Passport Division, United States Department of State. The comments of NY 694-S* will be set forth under the true or commonly used name of the individual concerned.

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 - 1 - New York (100-99056) (MINNIE BROOKS)
 - 1 - New York (100-24616) [REDACTED]
 - 1 - New York (100-76571) (ESTHER CUCA)
 - 1 - New York (65-15765) (RANSOM VERNON DE FAUT)
 - 1 - New York (100-93796) (PEGGY DENNIS)
 - 1 - New York (100-54129) (ALBERT EDWARDS)
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1 - New York (100-113874) (MARY PERMAN)
1 - New York (100-22531) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-86573) (ROSA SAFFIN)
1 - New York (100-79012) (JONAS SHIFFMAN)
1 - New York (100-68934) (JEAN SMITH)
1 - New York (100-119376) (Mrs. PAT (FANNIE) TOOHEY)
1 - New York (100-99291) (PAULA TRUHAR)
1 - New York (100-118972) (ESTHER WEINER)
1 - New York (100-7571) (SAM WISEMAN)
1 - New York (100-21431) (MARTIN YOUNG)
1 - New York (100-59793) (RUTH YOUNG)
1 - New York (65-15144) (CLANDESTINE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS -
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Due to the number of photographs (over 600) shown to NY 694-S*, it is not known in each case whether the individual mentioned by the informant is identical with the subject of the case file to which a copy has been designated.

In those cases where a search of the indices failed to reflect a main case file for the name, as given by the informant, these names have been appropriately indexed.

BILL ALBERTS

Informant identified a passport application photograph of one ALBERT EDWARDS, born 5/13/99, in Russia, as that of an individual known to him as BILL ALBERTS.

RUDY BAKER

NY 694-S* identified the photograph of one RAYMOND BAKER, born 4/15/97, at Linwood, Michigan, as RUDY BAKER. NY 694-S* noted that BAKER had been engaged from approximately 1936 through 1938, in the securing of fraudulent identities upon which passports could be obtained for the Communist Party (CP).

ISADORE BLANKENSTEIN

Informant identified a passport application photograph of one JUDEA CODKIND, born 6/16/95, in New York City, as that of ISADORE BLANKENSTEIN.

JOE BRODSKY

NY 694-S* advised that JOE BRODSKY was the first individual with whom he was in contact following the informant's return from Moscow in 1933.

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NY 694-S* identified the passport application photograph of one [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] at St. Paul, Minnesota, as that of [REDACTED]

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ESTHER CUCA

Informant identified a passport application photograph of one ESTHER CARROLL, born 5/1/06, in Poland, as that of ESTHER CUCA.

RANSOM DE FAUT

Informant advised that this individual had attended the Clandestine Radio School held in Moscow in the middle 30's.

PEGGY DENNIS

Informant identified the passport application photograph of an individual who was issued a passport in the name of REGINA KARASICK WALSH, born 1/2/09, Brooklyn, New York, as that of EUGENE DENNIS' wife, PEGGY.

SIMON FELDMAN

Informant advised that this individual had in the past been utilized by the CP as a courier.

HANK FORBES

Informant identified a passport application photograph of one HENRY GEORGE FORBLADE, born 2/21/07, in Brooklyn, New York, as that of the late HANK FORBES.

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JONATHAN RILEY GAHAGAN

NY 694-S* noted that he selected this individual for training at the Clandestine Radio School, in Moscow, and dispatched him to the USSR as RICHARD JOHNSON, born 11/21/07, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Informant stated that he later heard that GAHAGAN experienced some difficulty on reaching Moscow, and eventually had to work his way back to the United States by stoking coal on a steam ship. NY 694-S* noted that he had chosen GAHAGAN, then a CP Section Organizer in Chicago, because of his Nordic appearance. Informant explained that the comintern apparatus had encountered some unfortunate experiences using "Semitic" featured individuals in Nazi Germany.

BETTY GANNETT

Informant identified a passport application photograph of one ANNA EICHLER, born 4/5/10, in New York City, as BETTY GANNETT.

VICTOR GEORGE

Informant identified a photograph of an individual who applied for a passport in the name VICTOR ALLEN BARRON, born 9/16/09, at Portland, Oregon, as that of VICTOR GEORGE. Informant noted GEORGE's attendance at the Comintern Radio School in Moscow, and his subsequent clandestine assignment in Brazil.

SOPHIE GERSON

Informant identified a passport application photograph of one JENNIE MERLINK, born 3/7/05, in New York City, as that of SOPHIE GERSON, the wife of SIMON GERSON.

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JUNE GORDON

Informant identified a passport application photograph of SONIA REEVES as that of JUNE GORDON.

FRANCESCO S. GUIDA

Informant identified a passport application photograph of one FRANCESCO S. GUIDA born 6/28/10, at Tampa, Florida, as that of an individual whom he knew as "FRANKIE" (LNU), whom the informant believes was at one time connected with a long shoreman's union.

RUBIN HALPERT

NY 694-S* recognized a photograph of this individual; however, he could recall nothing about him except that he was acquainted with him in the New York area.

HENRY JORGENSEN

Informant advised that he recognized the passport application photograph of the person utilizing the above identity as that of an individual he had sent to the Clandestine Radio School in Moscow, in the 1930's. Informant noted that he could not recall whether this was the true identity of this individual.

CHARLES KELNER

Informant advised after viewing a passport application photograph of one CHARLES KELNER that this individual had been utilized by the CP as a courier on a number of occasions.

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ABRAHAM KORY

Informant identified the passport application photograph of this individual and noted that he was formerly an important person in the CP who is currently in the printing business.

VALERIA MELTZ

Informant stated that this individual had travelled to the Soviet Union and had been liquidated in one of the purges.

CELIA MERSON

Informant advised that if this individual had been issued a passport in 1936, she had, to his knowledge, never used it.

ROSE NELSON

Informant identified a passport application photograph of one NATTIE LANDBERG, born 2/6/04, in New York City, as that of ROSE NELSON, wife of the "Daily Worker" correspondent known as HARRY RAYMOND.

MARY PERMAN

Informant examined passport application photographs of one ROSA SAFFIN and one ANNIE MORRISON. Informant advised that these two names were identities assumed by his former common-law wife, MARY PERMAN, nee KAPLAN. NY 694-S* stated that he had taken MARY PERMAN with aliases, to Moscow with him during his stay at the Clandestine Radio School in Moscow in the early 1930's. NY 694-S* also noted that PERMAN had returned to the Soviet Union in 1936, again utilizing a fraudulent passport.

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Informant cautioned against any active investigation regarding this information as he feared disclosure of his identity could result from same.

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Informant identified a passport application photograph of one SAM GOBELOFF, born 12/25/08, in Russia, as that of [REDACTED] a CP member in Philadelphia.

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JONAS SHIFFMAN

Informant stated that SHIFFMAN had attended the Clandestine Radio School in Moscow in the 1930's.

JEAN SMITH

Informant identified a passport application photograph of the imposter ELIZABETH MARTIN, born 11/7/08, in New York City, as that of JEAN SMITH. NY 694-S* noted that SMITH is employed at the National Office of the CP, USA, and stated that her services as a courier, had been utilized by the CP in the past.

Mrs. PAT TOOHEY

NY 694-S* identified a passport application photograph of one PAULA TRUHAR, born 1/10/08, Pittsburgh, Pa., as that of the wife of PAT TOOHEY.

ESTHER WEINER

Informant identified a photograph of one MINNIE BROOKS, born 7/2/06, New York City, as that of ESTHER WEINER. NY 694-S* noted that to the best of his recollection, he probably had obtained the bogus identity of MINNIE BROOKS for ESTHER WEINER.

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SAM WISEMAN

Informant identified a passport application photograph of the imposter HARRY HABEL, born 11/9/05, New York City, as that of the late SAM WISEMAN, long-time CP member.

RUTH YOUNG

Informant identified a photograph of an individual issued a passport in 1935, in the name RUTH YOUKELSON, born 8/31/16, at Chicago, Illinois, as that of RUTH YOUNG. NY 694-S* noted that this individual left the CP a few years ago, is the wife of a "U.E." official and resides in Schenectady, New York. RUTH YOUNG, according to NY 694-S*, recently became a convert to the Roman Catholic Church.

MARTIN YOUNG

Informant advised that he had arranged, in the early 1930's, for an individual he knew as "PLATT" to assume the identity of one MARTIN YOUNG. Informant noted that he believed this was arranged in Chicago, Illinois.

Informant identified a passport application photograph of one MACHLA LENCZYCKI, born 2/22/96, in Poland as that of one LENA (LNU), the former wife of RUDY BAKER.

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NY 694-S* advised that on 10/23/58 the captioned subject came to the informant's office and stated that he and his wife Betty Gannett are planning to move to the West Coast. Before doing so, however, they felt obliged to pay their debts to New York creditors, the said debts amounting to \$2000.

Tormey said he wished to borrow \$2000, but that he was not asking NY 694-S* personally to make the loan as he was certain the informant would not be in a position to give him that sum of money. He inquired whether NY 694-S* could suggest from whom Tormey might borrow the money, which Tormey would begin to repay in June, 1959.

NY 694-S* suggested that Tormey and Gannett contact the CP National Office in an attempt to borrow the money from the Party.

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On 10/25/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), furnished SA [redacted] the following information obtained from JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary in Charge of Southern and Negro Affairs:

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At the CP, USA resident National Executive Committee meeting on October 22, 1958, JACKSON presented for the said Committee's approval a seven-point program for the coming year:

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1 - 100-3-72) (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
1 - 100-3-76) (CP, USA - YOUTH)
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1 - 100-) (COMINFIL OF NAACP)
1 - 100-3-63) (CP, USA - FUNDS)
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| 1 - NY 100-74560 | { CP, USA - FUNDS) (7-5) |
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- (1) To convince the Negro people that LUTHER KING is not the individual whom they should regard as their leader.
- (2) To call a national conference of Negro elected officials.
- (3) To establish a Negro Marxist journal to be issued quarterly.
- (4) To establish a new Southern Negro Youth Conference.
- (5) To become active in the 1960 elections pertaining to Negro districts.
- (6) To take part in the 50th anniversary of the NAACP.
- (7) To work for the appointment of more Negro trade union functionaries to more important positions in unions.

The program/^{was} adopted unanimously and enthusiastically, and a subcommittee, consisting of EUGENE DENNIS, ROBERT THOMPSON and JAMES JACKSON, was appointed to discuss the budget for this program, said budget having been submitted previously by JACKSON.

Point I

LUTHER KING, although a capable and honest leader, is not the man to lead the Negro people because of his subservience to the white ruling class. The Negro people need "a more genuine leader." KING is representative of the Negro clergy who now influence the Negro people and constitute a poor leadership.

For a number of years after the Civil War, the Negro people were influenced by the clergy; thereafter there was a period when they were influenced by Negro educators such as Booker T. Washington. Then there was the era when the Negroes idolized JOHN L. LEWIS, the labor leader. Following came the period when President ROOSEVELT and the Democratic Party were the idols of the Negro people. This period was ended by the accession of the TRUMAN administration. Now again, the Negro clergy, under the leadership of LUTHER KING, are the principal influence on the Negro people.

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The Party's aim, in Negro activities, will be to prove that LUTHER KING is not possessed of sufficient wisdom to be leader of the Negro people. The Party will stress the fact that, in his book, KING admits that he is influenced by white capital.

Point II

A national conference of elected Negro officials should be called about February, 1959. A conference of this kind held in the past was most successful. The topic for discussion at the conference will be "Restoration of Section Three of the Ives-Douglas Bill," which deals with civil rights, and which has been stricken from the said bill.

"Murphy," publisher of the "Afro-American," Baltimore Negro paper, will be approached by JACKSON to make "the call to the conference." If MURPHY should prove too difficult to approach, then his brother (not otherwise identified) will be approached. If JACKSON should be unable to make the approach, then LOU BURNHAM will do so.

Point III

A Negro Journal - Marxist in character and directed to Negro youth - will be published quarterly. The first publication should be in February, 1959.

Point IV

JACKSON feels--and the Party agrees--that there should be another Southern Negro Youth Conference. There are 200 Negro and white youths in the South who are actively engaged in seeking integration in Southern schools. These people would join the Southern Negro Youth Conference immediately and become active in its work. In the past the Southern Negro Youth Conference was a very important CP operation.

Point V

With respect to the 1960 elections, there are twenty districts in the USA--in addition to Harlem and South Side

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Chicago--with large Negro populations. Despite the large Negro vote in these districts, no Negro holds office. The CP feels that if a sufficiently energetic election campaign were instituted in these districts, either Negroes could be elected to public office, or those elected could be compelled to give patronage to Negroes.

Point VI

The CP feels that as many Party people as possible should become active in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the NAACP. This anniversary is scheduled to be celebrated in June, 1959.

Point VII

There are about 100 Negro trade union functionaries in such unions as steel, auto, UE, and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Forty of these are located in Detroit. The time is ripe for these hundred trade union functionaries to assert themselves openly and publicly, and to demand more recognition from the CIO and the A.F. of L. There is a disproportion as regards Negro leadership in the trade unions. These hundred Negro trade unionists should seek more responsible positions in the trade unions, and more Negroes should become trade union leaders.

Concerning [redacted] whom JACKSON previously had named as [redacted] Southern Negro work, JACKSON said that [redacted] although not on an official CP payroll, is being paid \$75.00 per week, and that ostensibly he will be working either for "International Publishers," "New Century," or "Worker's Library" in New York City.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-101087)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-135872)

SUBJECT: NOTED: MARCH ON WASHINGTON
YOUTH MARCH FOR INTEGRATED SCHOOLS
October 25, 1958

NY 694-S* advised SA [redacted], on 10/24/58, that at the request of JAMES E. JACKSON, Secretary of Negro and Southern Affairs, CHILDS has placed his personal car at the disposal of JACKSON for JACKSON's use at the 1958-59 annual scheduled for this week. CHILDS' car is a 1958 Green Ford, bearing New York license number 1B-2. JACKSON has indicated he will use the car to transport his younger daughter and LEO LORNGHAM to Washington.

The above is for the information of the Bureau and WFO.

FOSTER

- 4 - Bureau (62-101087) (RM)
(1-100-47736) (JAMES E. JACKSON)
- 2 - Washington Field (100-38801) (RM)
(1-100-JAMES E. JACKSON)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON) (7-5)
- ③ - New York (134-91) (INVER.) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-34032) (LOU LORNGHAM) (12-11)
- 1 - New York (100-135872)

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SAC, BALTIMORE (100-18231)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-11832)

CP, USA
MARYLAND - WASHINGTON, D.C., DISTRICT
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On 10/22/58, NY 694-S* furnished SA [redacted] with a mimeographed throwaway he had obtained from JEAN SMITH, Secretary of the National Office of the CP, USA. This item is being forwarded to your office as an enclosure.

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The throwaway is captioned: "VOTE ON THE ISSUES!" and lists several issues said to be facing the voters in Maryland. It is signed by the CP of Maryland, Box 1011, Baltimore 3, Maryland.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-118948)(6)

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SA [REDACTED] (7-5)

MAX SEBORER
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Identity of Source: NY 694-S*, who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: 10/28/58

Date received: 10/28/58

Received by: SA [REDACTED]
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Location: Instant memo

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting
the following information to protect identity of informant.

On 10/28/58, NY 694-S* advised SA [REDACTED]
that on the aforesaid date, he met MAX SEBORER, and that
he asked the latter whether he had received any reply to the
last letter MAX had sent to his brothers in Moscow.

SEBORER replied that as yet he has received no
reply.

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Date: 10/29/58

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal), advised SA [REDACTED] that in a conference on 10/28/58 with JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary for Southern and Negro Affairs, JACKSON furnished the following information:

While in Washington in connection with the "March On Washington" on 10/25/58, JACKSON met "MATHEWS" (ph) and "HOSKINS" (ph), executive editor and managing editor respectively

5 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
 { 1 - 100-3-75 } (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION)
 { 1 - 100- } (COMINFIL OF NAACP)
2 - Baltimore { 100- } (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (RM)
 { 1 - 100- } (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION)
① - NY 134-91 (INV) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-80640 { CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION } (7-5)
1 - NY 100- { COMINFIL OF NAACP } (7-5)
1 - NY 100-16785 { JAMES JACKSON } (7-5)
1 - NY 100-9521 { PALMER WEBER } (6)
1 - NY 100-94930 { HUBERT T. DELANEY } (12-12)
1 - NY 100-80641 { 7-5 }

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of "The Afro-American," Baltimore paper. He discussed with them the proposed national conference of elected Negro officials, and they were most enthusiastic about the proposed conference. They indicated that they are influential with "MURPHY," the publisher of "The Afro-American," and felt certain he would "call the conference" as suggested by JACKSON. JACKSON described "MATHEWS" and "HOSKINS" as "former Party people who did not leave the Party because they were hostile, but who quit because of conditions." (NY 694-S assumes that by "conditions" JACKSON meant that if "MATHEWS" and "HOSKINS" were known as CP members, their positions on the newspaper would be jeopardized.) "MATHEWS" and "HOSKINS" requested that JACKSON furnish them with a memorandum concerning the proposed conference.

While in Washington, JACKSON also conferred with "DELANEY of the NAACP." (It is believed "DELANEY" is former New York City Judge HUBERT T. DELANEY, who is active in the NAACP.) JACKSON and "DELANEY" agreed to discuss at a later date "a new program for the NAACP." "DELANEY" suggested that JACKSON discuss the said matter with PALMER WEBER, whom, JACKSON said, he once accused of being "an FBI agent." (PALMER WEBER, subject of NY file 100-9521, is a research economist who testified before the Internal Security Sub-Committee on April 21, 1953, and when asked whether he was a Communist when working for various Congressional Committees from 1940 to 1943, invoked the Fifth Amendment). JACKSON described WEBER as one of the most effective money raisers for the NAACP.

JACKSON also said that WEBER advises many wealthy Negroes regarding tax and other financial matters.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-9365)(7-5)

DATE: 10/28/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (7-5)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
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Identity of Source: NY 694-S* who has furnished
reliable info in past(conceal)

Date of Activity: 10/17/58
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of the informant.

On 10/17/58 NY 694-S advised that on the aforesaid
date he conferred with WM. Z. FOSTER at the latter's home.

FOSTER said he was pleased to learn that several
CP leaders had obtained passports for travel abroad. He
regretted that people under indictment could not obtain
passports.

- ① NY 134-91 P&C (Inv)(7-5)
- 1- NY 100-87211 (CP,USA - Factionalism)(7-5)
- 1- NY 100- (CP,USA - Jewish Question)(7-5)
- 1- NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)(7-5)
- 1- NY 100-13472 (GILBERT GREEN)(7-2)
- 1- NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(7-5)
- 1- NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)(7-5)
- 1- NY 100-74560 (CP,USA - Funds)(7-5)
- 1- NY 100-15140 (TIM BUCK)(6)
- 1- NY 100-9365 (7-5)

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FOSTER then discussed the "Right Wing" situation, stating that in time the "Right Wing" would "fade away." He inquired how many had attended the recent "Right Wing" meeting in New York and what, if anything, had been accomplished at the meeting. NY 694-S furnished him whatever information he had regarding the meeting.

FOSTER said he was anxious to obtain any documents relating to the Jewish Question, whether they be documents TIM BUCK had obtained from the Soviets, or documents in the possession of the Canadian CP. The informant promised to obtain for FOSTER any documents available regarding the Jewish Question. FOSTER was curious to know whether TIM BUCK had been in Mexico four or five months ago. The informant erroneously told him that BUCK had not been in Mexico recently. When he next sees FOSTER, he will correct this mistake.

FOSTER indicated that he would like to see IRVING POTASH. He was interested to learn what POTASH's parole status might be. In connection with POTASH, FOSTER said he had always opposed comrades leaving the USA. He did agree to GIL GREEN's and HENRY WINSTON's leaving the country because of the long jail sentences each faced.

FOSTER mentioned ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN's desire to retire from active Party work at the age of seventy. FOSTER felt she was making a mistake - that, as he has done, she could continue to work part-time for the Party.

NY 694-S* gave FOSTER \$2200.00 of the \$12000.00 ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG had given the informant for FOSTER. There was no discussion about this money, it being understood that FOSTER may have all or any part of the remainder - whenever he wishes to ask for it.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-89816)(7-5)

FRED FINE
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[redacted] NY 694-S, on 10/28/58, advised SA [redacted] that on the said date JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA, Secretary in charge of Southern and Negro Affairs, told him the following:

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CP, USA, functionaries at the National Office have discussed FRED FINE's letter of resignation from the CP National Committee and from the CP Illinois State Committee. They particularly discussed the part of said letter wherein, as a condition to his remaining in the Party as a rank and file member, FINE reserved the right to criticize the Party, and to talk freely with whomever he might choose.

It was agreed that FINE should be sent a letter informing him that the conditions he proposed are not consistent with his being a CP member.

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
 - (1 - 100-3-69) (CP, USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-3-88) (CP, USA, Factionalism)
- 3 - Chicago (100-18001) (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-33741) (CP, USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-33728) (CP, USA, Factionalism)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA, Factionalism) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

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On 10/28/58, NY 694-S*, a highly valuable source whose security must be protected, advised SA [redacted] that on the aforesaid date JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA, Secretary in Charge of Southern and Negro Affairs, told him the following:

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ROBERT THOMPSON, CP, USA, Organizational Secretary, was in Boston on the weekend of October 25 and 26, 1958, and conferred with CP functionaries there. According to THOMPSON, although membership losses in the city of Boston have been extensive, the CP situation there is now better than it was. There has not been any extensive membership loss in the smaller New England towns.

While in Boston THOMPSON appointed HOMER CHASE a full time paid functionary. CHASE's assignment in the future will be "to make the circuit of the small towns, getting action."

- 3 - Boston (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) {CP, USA, Membership}
 - (1 - 100-) {CP, USA, Organization}
 - (1 - 100-) {HOMER CHASE}
- 1 - NY 134-91 (Inv) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-133594)

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
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On 10/24/58, NY 694-S* made available the following mimeographed material to SA [REDACTED] Informant obtained material from CP Headquarters.

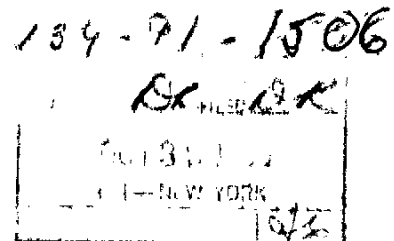
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1. Study Outline of the Following Classes
 - a. Socialism and Capitalism Today
 - b. Philosophy of History
 - c. Economic Crisis - Fact and Theory
 - d. Human Freedom
 - e. Marxist Philosophy
 - f. Psychology and Social Life
 - g. Marxist Theory Today
 - h. United States History - Main Epochs
 - i. Elements of Maxism

The above material is being placed in the exhibits of instant file.

- 1 - New York (134-91) (INVES.) (7-5)
- 1 - New York (100-133594)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-111604)

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On 10/23/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), advised SA [REDACTED] that on the aforesaid date, during a conversation with JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary in Charge of Southern and Negro Affairs, the latter mentioned that [REDACTED] had been in Washington on October 25th and 26th in connection with the "March on Washington." JACKSON was very complimentary in his remarks concerning the subject.

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In commenting on the above, NY 694-S* stated that he now remembers discussing [REDACTED] some months ago with JEAN SMITH, secretary at CP Headquarters. At the time SMITH told the informant that before he came into prominence, [REDACTED] had been a member of the YCL, and had lived with [REDACTED] at CP headquarters, who is now married to CP [REDACTED]

2 - Bureau (100-394716) (RM)
① - NY 134-91 (INV) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-97807 [REDACTED] (12-15)
1 - NY 100-68934 (JEAN SMITH) (12-11)
1 - NY 100-111604 (12-15)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF INFORMANT.

On 10/31/58, NY 694-B*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [redacted] a one-page mimeographed document dated 10/31/58, directed to all members of the National Committee (CP, USA). Informant received this document on the same date from JAMES JACKSON, who in turn had received it from JEAN SMITH, office worker at CP National Headquarters, NYC. This document reads as follows:

"October 31, 1958

"To All National Committee Members

"Dear Comrades:

"The date for our next National Committee meeting has been set for December 6th and 7th. Its location will be New York. On November 18th and 19th there is scheduled a

3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
① - NY 134-91 (INV) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
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1 - SUP. JOHN KEARNEY (7-5)

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"full National Executive Committee meeting and the agenda of our National Committee meeting will be finally determined at that time. I think it is reasonably safe to conclude, however, that this agenda will probably include the following main points:

"1) An estimate of the developments in the 1958 elections and their outcome, together with the setting forth of a political and electoral perspective for 1959.

"2) Some key problems of Party organization and a 1959 plan of work geared to the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of our Party.

"3) The adoption of a resolution on the Negro question. In this connection we expect to have a conference on the Negro question, inclusive of our Negro comrades on the National Committee, together with selected additional comrades as well as additional Negro cadre and a number of white National Committee members on the evening preceding the start of the National Committee meeting.

"4) Setting of the date for our 1959 Convention and whatever preparatory measures are made necessary by that date.

"Do not take the above as the definitive agenda of our next National Committee meeting as, in accordance with what I have already said, that will be definitely established at our next NEC on November 18th. Regard the above as being in the nature of an estimate of certain main problems which will probably be included in its agenda.

"As in the past, all districts will have to provide a minimum of \$75, for each attending National Committee member.

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"I would appreciate getting as early as possible any proposals or suggestions which you might want to make with respect to any aspect of this coming National Committee meeting.

"Comradely yours,

"Bob Thompson"

For information.

FOSTER

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF INFORMANT.

On 10/31/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [redacted] a 13-page mimeographed document entitled "The New Party Program and the Remnants of the Party Crisis" by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

NY 694-S* stated this document was given to the informant on 10/31/58 by JAMES E. JACKSON, JR., CP, USA Secretary in Charge of Southern and Negro Affairs. JACKSON advised the informant that only members of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA will be given copies of this document, which had been typed at CP headquarters on 10/31/58. JACKSON stated that in the article WILLIAM Z. FOSTER charges that the CP is still "permeated" with revisionism. JACKSON added that this document

3 - Bureau (100-3-69)(Attachment 2)(RM)
① - NY 134-91 (INV)(7-5)(Attachment 1)
1 - NY 100-9360 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)(Attachment 1)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)(Attachment 1)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-80641 (Attachment 1)(7-5)

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1 - SUP. JOHN KEARNEY 7-5 (Attachment 1)

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gives encouragement to BENJAMIN J. DAVIS and ROBERT THOMPSON in their criticism of EUGENE DENNIS and JACKSON himself.

According to JACKSON, FOSTER wants the document published, but DENNIS and JACKSON are opposed to publication. They agree that it should be discussed in detail by the NEC and have arranged that only members of the NEC be furnished copies of the document. JACKSON insisted that the informant make no reference to this document to "anybody." JACKSON stated the article "tends to create a serious situation in the top leadership" of the CP.

Two photostats of this document are attached for the information of the Bureau. It was necessary that the original document be returned to the informant on 10/31/58 so he could return it to JACKSON upon request.

FOSTER

THE NEW PARTY PROGRAM AND THE REMNANTS OF THE PARTY CRISIS

By William Z. Foster

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The Upheaval of Revisionism in the CPUSA

The real significance of the new Communist Party program, which is now being prepared by the Convention and Program Committees, is that the line of the erstwhile crisis-stricken Party is being drastically strengthened. Thereby the Party will be enabled eventually again to fulfill its decisive role in the labor movement. Although the Party has never been what might properly be called a mass party, nevertheless, because of its militant Marxist-Leninist line, it has been able to exert a powerful influence on the work of the trade unions and of the labor movement in general. This it did continuously, while the various other Left parties remained hopelessly sectarian and impotent. For many years the Communist Party was several times as large, and vastly more influential, than all the other Left parties put together. This high degree of influence was characteristic of the Party since its birth, but it was especially outstanding during the launching of the CIO in 1935, and for many years afterward. Historically, the Communist Party was definitely an influential part of organized labor. Manifestly, the Party has by no means yet recovered sufficiently from the crisis to resume its prestige and standing in the labor movement. The new Party program, therefore has as one of its main tasks the elimination of the many remnants of the Party crisis, both revisionist and dogmatic, which are still standing in the way of the effective functioning of the Communist Party.

The Party crisis dates properly from the National Committee meeting of April, 1956. There were several definite elements entering into this crisis, among them the long industrial war boom enjoyed by American capitalism, the bourgeois doctrine of American exceptionalism, the Stalin cult of the individual, the long and vicious attack by the government upon the Party, the many years standing dogmatic practices of the Communist parties, both here and abroad, and the many Left-sectarian and Right-opportunist mistakes made by the Party in the preceding cold war period. The crisis manifested itself from the outset as a crisis of revisionism, although elements of dogmatism and Left-sectarianism were present, and still are.

The historic deviation of Left-sectarianism and dogmatism was predominant in the Party in the general period of the cold war years, prior to the outbreak of the crisis in the Party, in general, early in 1956. The Party formula, at this National Committee meeting, was that the main errors during the previous cold war period had been predominantly of a Left-sectarian character. This was correct. The main objective reason for this was that the war danger hysteria, and the McCarthyite persecution of the Party by the government, definitely predisposed the

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Party to make errors of a left-sectarian character, in a wrong conception of self-defense. The Communist Party, since its inception, had indulged in numerous dogmatic practices, such as uncritical attitudes towards the USSR, sectarian estimates of classical Marxist writings, adulation of Party leaders, etc. This was almost universal Communist practice in all parties. However, this Leftism did not result in a crisis in our Party, during the early cold war period. The Party recognized many, if not most, of its errors, both Left and Right, and definitely tried to correct them. Exceptions here were the traditional dogmatic practices. The pressure of the government only steeled the Party core to fight the harder. It is well known that the morale of the Party at this time was very high, evidenced among many other things by the fact that every time a Party gathering was held, it was much bigger, and far more militant and unified than had been calculated. It was not until April, 1956, many months after Geneva softened the political situation, that new elements were emphasized in the Party life which had hitherto played a very minor role, and therewith the Party plunged into what was definitely a revisionist crisis.

Among the new factors thus emphasized, going to make for the Party crisis in a revisionist sense, were: the great stress that was laid by the majority of the Party leadership upon the "prosperity" of the United States (and of the capitalist world); the resurrection and reiteration of the traditional bourgeois theory of American exceptionalism, according to which American capitalism was not subject to the same laws as capitalism elsewhere; the false interpretation of Khrushchev's exposure of Stalin's cult of the individual, in the sense that it practically indicated the bankruptcy of Socialism and especially of the Soviet Union; and the quick evolution of a militant campaign of Right-opportunism in every field. All these factors grew very swiftly. The general result was the development of a plague of revisionism in the Party, with many of the leaders who themselves had been guilty of Left-sectarian mistakes in the past period, adopting a most pronounced revisionist line.

The consequence was that the new and speedy outburst of revisionism quickly overwhelmed and drowned out the previous other tendential mistakes that existed in the Party, which almost immediately became of secondary importance. Although it could be properly said (and was said by the Party, Political Affairs, July 1953), that the main danger in the Party prior to April 1956, under the fierce pressure of the government persecution, was Left-sectarianism, this could not be said after the April meeting. Henceforth, the main internal menace was the Right danger, particularly in the form of modern revisionism, which was already manifesting itself internationally in many other Communist parties. It was a serious mistake of the Party that it did not clearly recognize this change in the main

danger which confronted it thenceforth; instead, the Party kept maintaining that the Left-sectarian danger was the main danger.

The Right, revisionist, danger spread with great rapidity after April 1956. The Right wing soon heavily controlled the Party in its two main districts, New York and California, as well as in almost all the other states. In addition, it dominated the three daily papers of the Party, and it was in a decisive position in the National Committee. In New York State, the strongest district in the Party, the relation of forces on the State Committee was 27 Rights to 1 Left. Similar conditions prevailed elsewhere. The Party papers overflowed with Rightist articles. The principal expression of the revisionist tendency was an article by John Gates, Daily Worker editor, entitled "Time for a Change," which was published in Political Affairs of November, 1956. The leaders of the ultra-aggressive Right, prior to the National Convention in February, 1957, openly boasted that they would have no serious difficulty in carrying the convention. Left-sectarianism (also doctrinaire ultra-Leftism), overwhelmed by revisionism, controlled no positions in the Party, and wrote none of its official documents. But the cry still went forth that Left-sectarianism was the main danger, and the Right was preserved almost free of any criticism.

Aggressive revisionism made a head-on attack against the Communist Party and every phase of Marxism-Leninism. It was essentially an attempt to destroy the Party in every militant sense. It manifested itself in every avenue of Party activity or being. Under the guise of combatting Left-sectarianism and dogmatism, it assailed every element of Communist policy and leadership. Many members of hitherto good standing collapsed in the face of this revisionist attack; for the first time in our history the core of the Party was disoriented by opportunist confusion. By weakening the Communist Party, and thereby the labor movement as a whole, revisionism was a great asset to the employing class.

During the 40th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, in November, 1957, the twelve Communist and Workers' Parties heading the Socialist countries, in their Moscow Conference, adopted a general Declaration, in which, among other things, they defined revisionism. This general Declaration the World Marxist Review (the new journal of international Communism) refers to as "the basic programmatic document of the international Communist movement." It thus defines revisionism: "Modern revisionism seeks to smear the great teaching of Marxism-Leninism, declares that it is outdated and alleges that it has lost its significance for social progress. The revisionists try to exorcise the revolutionary spirit of Marxism, to undermine faith in Socialism among the working class and the working people in general. They deny the historical necessity for a proletarian revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat during the period of transition from capitalism to

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Socialism, deny the leading role of the Marxist-Leninist Party, reject the principles of proletarian internationalism and call for rejection of the Leninist principles of Party organization and, above all, of democratic centralism, into some kind of debating society." This definition fitted like a glove the revisionism which sprang up in the American Communist Party after April 1956, and which swiftly superseded Left-sectarianism as the main danger.

The All-Destructive Nature of Revisionism

Revisionism, as it manifested itself in the CPUSA, during the months prior to the convention of February 1957, assailed every phase and aspect of the Communist Party. As the opportunists loudly planned it, the Party itself was to disappear into a vague form of organization bearing a general relationship to Right Social-Democracy, or definite bourgeois-type forms. The name "Communist Party" was of course anathema, and had to go -- "Political Action Association" was only one of several new names that were current in pre-convention revisionist circles. The reality of Marxism-Leninism the revisionists especially excoriated, and proposed that it be dropped forthwith. They held that it was essentially Russian, and had no constructive bearing on the political situation in industrialized Europe or America, or in Asia, Africa, etc. They used the term "Marxism," although their drivel had nothing in common with real Marxism, which, of course, in our times is Marxism-Leninism. Significantly, Gates, like Lovestone and Browder years before him, specifically repudiated "Marxism" as well as Marxism-Leninism.

The revisionists bitterly attacked every organized form and expression of Communism. They aggressively declared that the "Party" they had in mind should not be of a vanguard character, and they never tired of pouring out vilification and misrepresentation of the Party's notable vanguard role historically. Democratic centralism was another favorite target of theirs; they violently rejected discipline in every form, and contemplated working class organization as little more than a talking machine. The revisionists also wreaked havoc with the Party membership, as their policy was one of either controlling the Party membership or scattering it. They drove many thousands out of the Party, large numbers of them good members, who had become confused at the bitter internal strife and the irresponsible tactics of the Right. The revisionists, who had only contempt for the Marxist classics, openly sabotaged the bookstores, cynically liquidated outright the Party schools, notably the Jefferson School, which at one time had about 14,000 students, and occupied a nine-story building in mid-New York. Revisionist mismanagement also cost the Party two daily papers, and almost wiped out its journalism altogether. They demanded, and eventually secured, the liquidation of the Labor Youth League as a Leftist organization, leaving the Communist Party with no youth organization at all.

The revisionists in the pre-convention period held a highly opportunist attitude towards the general economic and political situation. They obliterated the concept of the capitalist general crisis, both on a national and world scale, and the most fantastic conceptions of American exceptionalism were freely propagated. American peculiarities were merged with bourgeois phantasies about the non-capitalist character of the American social system. American imperialism, become an innocuous conception, pretty much disappeared outright. The war danger virtually evaporated over night, and the inference was left that the USSR was chiefly to blame for such tension as existed. The Party was harshly criticized, because it had maintained that the United States, despite its Keynesian governmental policies, was still subject to cyclical crisis. The USSR was smeared, and the practice of proletarian internationalism was held to be one of the main sources of weakness of the Communist Party. It was freely stated that the Soviet Union had lost its leading characteristics, and henceforth had nothing constructive to offer the world's workers. It was freely declared that the Soviet Union was not a socialist country. The revisionists became "National Communists," actually boosting the Titos, and like bourgeois economists, concentrating their entire attention upon the vagaries of the American economic machine.

The revisionists butchered Party policy. In political action, they abandoned the Farmer-Labor Party slogan, thus leaving the Party without any real leading political policy. They cut the heart out of the Negro policy by repudiating its national nature, and they also drained it of fighting quality. They also destroyed the Party's trade union policy of conducting an alliance with the progressive or middle group of the unions. This effective trade union policy, followed by the Party since its foundation, was the main one used in the building and in the general success of the Party's work, but the revisionists discarded it by alleging the absurdity that there is no middle tendency in the American labor movement. They mis-stated the Jewish and other national questions. Generally, they based their policies upon class collaboration instead of upon class struggle. Owing to the great strength of the revisionists, as indicated above, they were able to color the whole line of the Party with the above distortions, while the ultra-Leftists were swamped.

Where the Party was guilty of dogmatic and Left-sectarian mistakes, and genuinely needed correction, which was in numerous cases, the revisionists in every instance adopted instead the grossest opportunism. They talked a lot about Left-sectarianism, but corrected none of it. They also sought to destroy the Party by slaughtering its prestige; they manufactured distorted and exaggerated Party mistakes; they slandered the whole history of the Party and the activity of its

leaders, in order to discredit and ruin the Party among the masses; they scoffed at the Party's inadequate political initiative, condemned it as ten times worse than it was in reality; they totally misrepresented the Party program, and indulged in the most shameful adulation of the Social-Democracy. They even dug up the discredited and expelled Earl Browder, who had long since abandoned the whole concept of Marxism, falsely parading him publicly as a model man who had done much to build our Party.

In short, the revisionists, in order to wipe out the standing and even the very existence of our Party, went to utmost extremes to destroy the love with which our Party had been regarded by its members. Throughout its history, the Communist Party has been famous for the great esteem with which it had been held by its membership, but the revisionists, like the dogmatic ultra-left, did their best to make it appear that the principal obstacle faced by the American working class was the Communist Party. As we have seen earlier, the revisionists were in control of much, if not most, of the Party, and they did great injury with their campaign of unmeasured slander against the Party. But they were to learn a lesson soon at the hands of the aroused rank and file of the Party.

The Convention Defeat of Revisionism

Prior to the 16th National Convention, in February 1957, so strong was the Right wing, and so deeply entrenched in the Party were its revisionist doctrines, that it was practically taken for granted, both inside of the Party and out, that the Right would either carry the convention or hopelessly split the Party. So weak was the Party that a split at this time would have surely wrecked it. By what seemed almost a miracle, however, a split was averted, the main line of the Party was preserved, and the life of the Party saved. The split was prevented by the political defeat of the revisionists, and by their relative demoralization. Their principal objectives -- that the Communist Party should be done away with, that the name "Communist Party" should be abandoned completely, and that Marxism-Leninism should be dropped -- were all rejected categorically by the convention. Besides this, the convention adopted many important questions of policy that the Right wingers were deeply opposed to, including a characterization of the militancy of American imperialism, a definition of the war-like program of American capitalism, an outline of the American road to Socialism as one of class struggle and not one of class collaboration, and the development of an active program of work. The convention also tended to correct various of the Party's numerous traditional dogmatic errors that in the past had seriously injured the work of our Party as well as various other Parties that had also indulged in these practices. These dogmatic practices

included a grossly uncritical attitude towards Marxist books and writings, tendencies to adulate Communist leaders, and the widespread practice of overlooking bureaucratic manifestations in the various Socialist countries without any real criticism, etc.

The decisive line of the convention strongly favored the Party; nevertheless, there was much harmful compromise in the convention resolution. The Right was quite strong, and was able to, and did, write a good deal of its line into the adopted documents. Generally, however, the Right got the worst of these compromises. Among its weak sides, the convention wrote various wrong conceptions of proletarian internationalism, including a gross distortion of the Hungarian situation, and an incorrect letter to the French Communist Party; it composed an incomplete resolution on the economic situation; it wrote out incorrect definitions of democratic centralism, the vanguard role, Social Democracy, and the United Party of Socialism; it continued the characteristic exaggeration of Party errors; and it erroneously persisted in characterizing Left-sectarianism as the main danger. The convention did a very poor job in composing the resolutions on the Negro, trade union, and the general political situations. The Ultra-left had a few delegates at the convention, but they were unable to write anything whatever of their narrow conceptions into the convention documents.

There were at least two major causes for the wide swing to the Left which took place at the convention, in contrast to the appearance of the general Party situation prior to the convention, when the Right seemed to hold complete sway. The first cause was that the rank and file had a chance to speak out at the convention -- previously it was mostly the officials who had done the talking, and they tended in the main to vote with Gates and other revisionists. But when the rank and file spoke out, they let it be known in the most categorical manner that they intended to have a Communist Party in the United States, that it should be known by this title, and that it should be animated by a Marxist-Leninist policy. They also spoke out emphatically against American imperialism, and for various other Communist policies. They generally fought for a progressive program. The rank and file began to make their influence felt in the state conventions, which were held some time prior to the national convention. The second cause for the convention victory was that the Middle and Left groups in the Party factional situation, reflected a strong tendency, at least partially, to overcome their previous confusion and disunity, and to work together for a correct Party line to save the Party. This was a strong plus feature of the convention, but it was a great weakness that the two groups didn't maintain and develop this unity consistently.

Although at the national convention in February, 1957, the Middle and Left groups together held the largest electoral vote, the Right nevertheless vociferously claimed the victory, and insisted for many months afterwards that it had carried the convention. The strength of the Right at the convention, and afterwards, was shown not only by the election of many Right wing Party officers, but also by the liquidation of the Labor Youth League, and by the later dangerous and elaborate development of the Bittelman revisionist group. The weight of the general situation--that is, the Leftward trend of the Party over the months--was too much, however, for the Right, especially as the Communist movement all over the world pointed out that the revisionists had been defeated at the 16th Convention of the CPUSA.

Gradually, the revisionists were forced to retreat, and their leaders began to quit the Party, which they did increasingly in demoralized groups, constantly threatening to form a new organization of some kind. The Middle and Left, however, were nevertheless much too slow in insisting upon a correct line for the Party. Particularly after the February, 1958, national committee meeting, when the Middle and Left groups finally partly got together, the Party began to move somewhat faster towards a correct policy. Even yet, however, the Party's forward pace is still much too slow. It has corrected numerous wrong policies, but the Party is still weighted down with too many revisionist remnants from the convention resolution--remnants which are vigorously supported by die-hard revisionists. This prevents the healing of the Party, and its emergence as an active fighting organization. To accomplish this, and get the Party back on a sound basis, will be one of the major tasks of the Party program now being developed.

The Party and the Elimination of Revisionist Factional Remnants

In the advancing job of preparing the Party program, one of the most decisive things to do is to combat the deviations from the correct line. These deviations needing to be eradicated, are of both a revisionist and dogmatic character, with those of the Right, as we have already seen, being in the majority. This does not mean, as we shall duly note, that the Leftist dogmatic deviation is not also important, and needs to be systematically combatted. It is vital that our Party, particularly after its very serious crisis, should eliminate all harmful political errors, from whatever direction they may come. A program is altogether inappropriate which contains political compromises between Right errors and Marxian-Leninism, as was done in our Convention Resolution, and still exists in many documents in our Party.

Among the worst revisionist errors in our Party's policy are numerous wrong

formulations in our trade union, Negro, and general political action resolutions. As a rule, they have been partly corrected since the convention, but for the most part inadequately. Especially, the trade union resolution has the weakness of not basing itself firmly upon a definite alliance between the Left Progressive forces in the unions, but looks upon this as a sort of side issue. We can, however, have no real trade union policy until this is done. Our Party actually built itself upon this policy in the unions, and it cannot be expected to make real progress until it is again linked up to the Progressive forces in the unions as its main line of activity.

The Negro resolution must also be strengthened in at least two major ways. It must be based upon the national character of the Negro people's struggle, without however, advocating the erroneous slogan^{an} for the Negro people of self-determination. In addition, an all-out defense of the Negro interests is necessary upon every field, and a real fight must be made at all times on behalf of the Negro people. These questions of Negro policy cannot be skipped over or evaded, but must be stated in the clearest and simplest possible manner.

The general political resolution must also advocate a Labor-Negro-Farmer Party. This line should be militantly advocated in the propaganda sense in the trade unions, Negro and farmer organization, as well as in the two old parties. It should also be put forward actively in all the left-wing organizations. This slogan should be at the head of our mass political work; without it we have no real perspective of independent political action. Of course, we must not make the Leftist error of rushing blindly into the launching of premature labor parties, which at this stage is still in the propaganda phase. The revisionists castrated our most vital trade union, Negro, and political action policies, and we must at all costs in our resolutions and Party practice boldly repair the grave damage they have done.

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As indicated previously, we must also restore the youth organization, it is simply impossible for a Communist Party to go along without possessing a strong organization of young people. Another imperative task for us in the strengthening of our political line-up, is to put an end to the Bittelman revisionism, which would substitute the "Welfare State" for Socialism, and establish it as an opportunistic goal for us to shoot at. Other incorrect formulations that remain in our Party documents, that should be cleaned out, may be found in the various policies which the Rights virtually assassinated, and which the Party has not yet fully corrected. They require for example, new and more correct statements of the vanguard role of the Party; of democratic centralism and Party discipline; of proletarian internationalism; and of the United Party of Socialism. The Convention Resolution on Social-Democracy should be discarded as basically incorrect. There should be a rectification of Party history, also, with the elimination of the gross exaggeration of the former errors in Party work, that were written into the Party documents during the past three years. The Party must make it understood clearly that while it fights on two fronts, the main danger at the present time is from the Right, and that the Party orientates on fighting that main danger.

The Fight Against Dogmatic Sectarianism

A most vital part of the general task of curing the factional crisis of the CPUSA, is to heal the Party's attack of Left-sectarianism. The two complement each other--dogmatism and revisionism. Each in its own way serves to cripple the Party. They are essential relatives to each other. They appear to be mutual enemies, but they are always found in the field simultaneously, fighting on the common enemy, the Party. From the standpoint of which is the most dangerous, about the only thing to choose between them is which is the strongest, and therefore becomes the most dangerous. This, in our situation, is revisionism.

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Left-sectarians are lovers of high sounding phrases. They are essentially men of words, not of action. They will sacrifice a movement if it does not conform to their out-and-dried ideas of what it should be. Significantly, the 40th Anniversary General Conference of Communist and Workers Parties in Moscow, which took place in November, 1957 (referred to on page 4), condemned both evils. We have already seen its scathing definition of revisionism; as for Left-sectarianism, the 12-Party Declaration describes it thus: "Dogmatism and sectarianism hinder the development of Marxist-Leninist theory and its creative application in the changing conditions, replace study of the concrete situation with quotations and talmudism, and lead to the isolation of the Party from the masses. A Party that has withdrawn into the shell of sectarianism and that has lost contact with the masses cannot bring victory to the cause of the working class." The American ultra-Lefts totally misled the Party when they try to convey the impression that the 12-Party Declaration stands committed to such narrow-minded sectarianism as they have put together in their so-called program.

There are at least two sectarian currents in the present make-up of dogmatism in the CPUSA. The first of these is the streak of dogmatism that is also to be found in the political work of various Communist Parties. They are the individuals who, instead of subjecting their ^{various} principles to the vivifying effects of realistic criticism, prefer to hold them inviolate, and admire them from a distance. They are the people who make no criticism or tolerate none, of the books, leaders, and countries of the Communist movement, with the result that, by their inertia and unprogressive attitude, the Socialist institutions in question are weakened by passivity and sterility. It is a deplorable fact that through the years there has been a great deal of this dogmatism in Communist ranks. Now that there is a widespread tendency to end this dogmatism, we must also see to it that our program and convention are kept free from such tendencies. Generally, the Communist Parties have freed themselves from such tendencies, or are endeavoring to do so. There are many such remnants persisting, however, and to eliminate them is one of the major aspects of our fight against dogmatism.

The second type of sectarianism that we must be on guard against, a close relative of the former, is hardly less common. It is the development of policies which slough off whole situations under the guise of easy generalizations. Thus we hear it said, that at the present time the American labor movement, as such, is rotten, leaving the Leftist implication that the Left wing should not work within it. It is also said that there is no middle group in the trade unions, with the result that no efforts are made to line up a general opposition against

the conservative, Right-wing elements, and the Right is left in more or less undisputed control. The ultra-left also says that there is no possibility, and that none should be entertained, for the realization of Socialism short of a most violent revolution. There are many such ideas afloat among the left-sectarian elements in our Party, and they are all direct relatives of corresponding revisionist ideas. These ideas are particularly to be noted in Harry Haywood's writing on the Negro question. One of his most serious errors is the tendency to belittle the School and other Integration Movements of the Negro people. Also, there is his ultra-Left sectarian conception of self-determination as the principal slogan for the Negro people. This means that our movement has to be tied essentially to the incorrect idea of there being no other perspective for the Negro people than that they shall break from the American government and set up a Negro Republic. Such ideas can have only the effect of isolating ourselves from the more militant workers and Negro people. Our Party has suffered severely from such Leftist ideas at all stages of its history.

The ultra-Leftists make a great play of their Party spirit, but this is not borne out by the facts. Their anti-Party trend is shown by the fact of their splitting conference recently held in New York. (Almost simultaneously, the Right wing also held a similar conference.) Just at the time when the Party needs the strongest support of every sincere member, these disrupters hold conferences, denounce the leadership of the Party, and are trying to launch new parties. Our members will do well to repudiate these actions in the strongest possible way. The long list of sectarian phrases and quotations that they have got together in their ultra-Left manifesto as a sort of program, if put into effect, would only have the result of creating more confusion in the movement. The Communist Party of the USA is on the road to health again. It is curing the factionalism, both of revisionism and of dogmatism, that has cluttered up its ranks. A key part of the process of regaining Party health is to eliminate the various manifestations of sectarianism and opportunism, particularly as represented by these split-offs.

Build the Communist Party

Together with working out sound policies, the Program and Convention Committee must do everything possible to improve the fibre and spirit of the Party. We must be on guard against both revisionism and dogmatism, using the indispensable Marxist-Leninist tactic of the war on two fronts, putting the main stress against that evil which is the most dangerous at the given moment. We must and every element of factionalism in the Party, whether in the shape of groups, terminology, or practices. We must especially combat every tendency towards

forming new parties. Our Party must recreate its well-known discipline, but freed from all overtones of bureaucracy and dogmatism, from which, in the past, it has not been free. We must love the Party. As never before, we must build the Party, for which the workers are ready.

During the past 15 years our Party has undergone the most serious attacks from American imperialism and its agents -- among them violent assaults from the government, the imprisonment of scores of our leaders, two vicious attempts by revisionists to liquidate the Communist Party and to replace it by opportunist "associations," the resurrection of many dogmatic practices, etc. But the Party survived these unprecedented attacks. It is now growing again and is on the way to new success. The would-be Party wreckers forgot the fundamental fact that the Communist Party is not any Tom, Dick, and Harry party, to be destroyed by irresponsible muddleheads. It is a very special Party, a part of the great force that is maintaining world peace and rapidly building Socialism throughout the world. It is imbued with an unconquerable spirit of proletarian internationalism,

The Communist Party is inspired with a progressive, revolutionary spirit. It is the vanguard leader of world labor, fighting at the head of, and uniting, every movement that is curtailing the forces of exploitation and organizing those of freedom. Today the enormous masses of fighting humanity fall under three heads, all of which draw their main inspiration and strength from world Communism. The first, are the great Socialist countries of the world, which make up over one-third of all humanity; the second, are the many erstwhile huge colonial countries that have won their freedom from the imperialist countries; and the third, are the enormous body of the trade unions and other mighty mass organizations, which have taken on such immense size in recent years. The latter two types of organizations could not possibly have grown so much and exercised such a great influence in the world had it not been for the presence of the Communist Parties and nations. All workers may well be proud to belong to the great Communist movement that is thus leading the freedom forces of the world.

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect identity of informant.

On 11/5/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SAS [] that informant had determined on the same date from LEM HARRIS (member of CP, USA Finance (Reserve) Committee) that the latter had attended a "party" in Queens during the previous week.

HARRIS stated that present at this "party", among others, were WILLIAM NORMAN and ROSE KRYZAK. HARRIS said that he was exhibited a receipt by NORMAN, which receipt was made out to NORMAN and signed by BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., and reflected that DAVIS had received the sum of \$25,000 from NORMAN.

LEM HARRIS commented to the informant that he felt that WILLIAM NORMAN would re-register into the Party at any time and that he was no longer antagonistic toward the CP itself.

In this regard, NY 694-S* commented that LEM HARRIS is somewhat naive in his belief that WILLIAM NORMAN was still interested in the CP, as informant is of the opinion that NORMAN has completely severed relations with the Party.

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1 - NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS)(7-5)
1 - NY 100-54591 (ROSE KRYZAK)(12-13)
1 - NY 100-50983 (WILLIAM NORMAN)(12-13)
1 - NY 100-7658 (LEM HARRIS)(12-13)
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Included among this material was three issues of "Social Science Notes", dated 10/6/58, 10/13/58, and 10/20/58, and which was issued by captioned school. They described the activity at the school and announcements of the planned activity at the school. The issues are summarized as follows:

1) 10/6/58

Greeted students to school and advised them that the Social Science Library, 34 West 15th Street, was opened for use of students. It listed the schedule of classes at the school and urged students to use the school's "Bookroom" where they would find current issues of "Political Affairs" and Mainstream"/

2) 10/13/58

Listed some of the various books and magazines available for purchase, 10% off for students, in the "Bookroom". Those listed were:

- ① NY 134-91 (Inves.) (7-5)
- 1- NY 100-132365 (SOCIAL SCIENCE LIBRARY) (7-1)
- 1- NY 100-97167 (POLITICAL AFFAIRS) (7-5)
- 1- NY 100-89571 (MAINSTREAM) (7-1)
- 1- NY 100-13444 (NORTH) (7-4)
- 1- NY 100-26032 (FONER) (7-4)
- 1- NY 100-6393 (NEW WORLD REVIEW) (7-1)
- 1- NY 100-26704 (LABOR RESEARCH) (7-1)
- 1- NY 100-16785 (JACKSON) (7-5)
- 1- NY 100-84275 (PATTERSON) (7-1)
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- 1) "No Men Are Strangers"- JOSEPH NORTH
- 2) "Mark Twain-Social Critic"- PHILIP S. FONER
- 3) "Stride Toward Freedom"- MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
- 4) "Political Affairs"
- 5) "Mainstream"
- 6) "New World Review"

3) 10/20/58

Described the Social Science Library at 34 West 15th Street, and urged students to use it. Described the Labor Research Association and stated their publications "Economic Notes" and "Labor Fact Books" as sold in class. Also announced a new four week course "Negro Liberation Struggle" on Wednesday, 10/29/58, 8:30 p. m., with JAMES E. JACKSON, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, and others or instructors.

The above issues are located in the following files:

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| 1) 10/6/58 | 100-133594-1B15 (3) |
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Enclosed is a Photostat of a mimeographed letter, dated 10/27/58, addressed "To All District Organizers from WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and ROBERT THOMPSON". This enclosure was obtained by NY 604-82 from JAMES E. JACKSON and furnished to SA [redacted] on 10/31/58.

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The letter refers to GEORGE MORRIS' contemplated trip to the Soviet Union to cover the All-Union Congress of the Trade Unions of the USSR, and outlines proposed Party activity to propagandize his reports through all media, including lecture tours.

The original letter is retained in NY 100-13203.

- 2- Bureau (100-71274) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1- New York (97-169) ("The Worker") (Atchmt) 7-5
- 1- New York (100-81675) (CP, USA, Pamphlets & Publications) (Atchmt) 7-5
- 1- New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) 7-5
- 1- New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) 7-5
- 1- New York (134-91) (Enves) 7-5
- 1- New York (100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON) 7-5
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- 5 - BUREAU (100-3-102)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-3-63)(CP, USA, Funds)
 - (1 - 65-1674)(FOUR CONTINENTS BOOK STORE)
- 1 - CHICAGO (100-34108)(CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Fund)(Info)(RM)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFPSY)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-7658 (LEM HARRIS)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-64061 (JACK CHILDS)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-128314 (CP, NYD, Funds)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)(7-5)
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- 1 - NY 100-12481 (BERNARD ADES)(12-10)
- 1 - NY 100-47632 [REDACTED] (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-79725 (Camp Wingdale)(7-4)
- 1 - NY 100-66938 (CHARLES "BOB" COE)(6)
- 1 - NY 100-85051 (MILTON FRIEDMAN)(6)
- 1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 65-15257 (SOLOMON ADLER)(6)
- 1 - NY 100-96778 (VIRGINIUS FRANK COE)(6)
- 1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)(7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-50984 (THEODORE BAYER)(17)
- 1 - NY 100-54965 (JOHN ABT)(12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-66110 (SAM NEUBERGER)(12-12)
- 1 - NY 100- (Professor (FNU) GILMAN (PH), formerly associated
with Amtorg, considered as individual who could
operate Four Continents Book Store)(7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-78633 (ISIDORE "GIBBY" NEEDLEMAN)(6)
- 1 - NY 100-118948 (MAX SEBORER)(6)
- 1 - NY 100-111180 (STANLEY LEVISON)(12-15)
- 1 - NY 100-92701 (UN Personnel - USSR)(17)

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On 11/5/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in past (conceal), orally furnished information to SAS [redacted] regarding a fourth meeting of the CP, USA, Finance (Reserve) Committee that was held on 11/5/58, beginning at noon for approximately two hours in the office of JACK CHILDS at the Flatiron Building, NYC. It is noted previous meetings of this committee were held on 10/10/58, 10/16/58 and 10/22/58.

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Fourth Meeting of Finance
(Reserve) Committee, 11/5/58

NY 694-S* advised the following individuals were present at this meeting: LEM HARRIS, JACK CHILDS and ISADORE WOFSY (who was appointed Chairman).

WOFSY opened the meeting by setting out the following agenda that would be discussed on this date:

1. The amount of money on hand (reserve cash on hand)
2. New enterprises
3. Four Continents Book Store

Reserve Funds on Hand

WOFSY, from notes and scribbled figures, showed a listing of amounts of over-all income for 1958 to date as well as expenditures from the reserve to the National Office, as well as the balance. (In this connection it is noted NY 694-S* commented that there were no books kept by WOFSY and that apparently no details of transactions were reflected in his notes.)

In describing to the other individuals present at the meeting the present status of the reserve, WOFSY set out the following figures:

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1958 Income

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| Balance 1/1/58 | \$64,609 |
| Income '58 to date | 30,300 |
| "26th Street" | <u>30,000</u> |
| Total '58 income to date | \$124,909 |

1958 Expenditures

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| Reserve funds | |
| to National | |
| Office, '58 to date | \$85,000 |

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| Balance (\$124,909 less \$85,000) | \$39,909 |
| Due from F & D | 5,000 |
| Due from Prompt | <u>6,000</u> |
| Total current reserve money | \$50,909 |

Wofsy stated that \$39,909 of the above funds are currently being held for him in a bank by BERNARD ADES. He said that this money is held in such a way as to protect the Party and explained this statement by saying "its in the girl's name." (NY 694-S* stated that "the girl" referred to by WOFSY was undoubtedly identical to [redacted] and that this CP money is either held in an account that is in her name or possibly some of it may be held in a safe deposit box.)

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Continuing WOFSY stated that in 1959 the outlook for income for the reserve fund is poorer than what it was in the current year. WOFSY stated that less funds would be received by the reserve unless one or more of the following steps is taken:

1. Sell the building at 35 East 12th Street, or
2. Sell some of the machinery and equipment of Prompt Press, or
3. Perhaps sell Camp Unity (Camp Wingdale).

WOFSY stated that in the future he would not report any detailed information with respect to amounts given by the reserve fund to the National Office.

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WOFSY commented that in the event of his absence, LEM HARRIS was assigned to collect the amounts of \$6,000 and \$5,000 due from Prompt Press and F & D Printing, respectively, to the reserve fund.

New Enterprises

WOFSY then listed on a piece of paper, in his own handwriting, the following as new enterprises presently under consideration by the reserve:

1. "China - Bob Coe"
2. "Export Import (Hungary) - Milt Friedman"

WOFSY indicated he had spoken to both COE and FRIEDMAN, who had advised him that these enterprises are very much a Party endeavor in the sense that both COE and FRIEDMAN have stated they have no interests in these businesses except to insure that a good portion of the profits go to the CP.

WOFSY stated that he was briefly raising this question now because, according to COE and FRIEDMAN, things look "very promising" in connection with these enterprises. He said that COE and FRIEDMAN were "pushed" and encouraged to become involved in these enterprises by IRVING POTASH. WOFSY continued that results may not show from the operation of these enterprises for six months or more. He said that when the people travel to Russia (in January, 1958 to attend 21st Congress of CPSU) a most capable comrade should be selected to go along with them or to be among them to take up questions regarding these enterprises (with the Russians).

In further reference to these new enterprises WOFSY stated that there are already good indications from China regarding the import of bristles and something has already been done in connection with Hungary. He said that MILT FRIEDMAN, when he was recently in London, spoke with "Professor" (SOLOMON) ADLER, whom WOFSY described as a person who has good contacts with China.

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At this point WOFSY was questioned on whether or not he was confusing BOB COE with the latter's brother, FRANK COE, and WOFSY replied that he was not confusing BOB COE with FRANK COE as he knew that FRANK COE was currently in China and was not going to return to the USA.

(It will be noted that FRANK COE is associated in the so-called China operation, concerning which the Bureau has already been furnished information under the caption, VIRGINIUS FRANK COE; IS-R".)

In his conversation, WOFSY definitely indicated that these enterprises in 1959 might very possibly be an important source of income to the reserve fund.

JACK CHILDS, at this point, stated that he too was familiar with the China trade operation and that he, with FRANK COE, had made contacts with the Canadians in connection with this matter. CHILDS suggested that he would like, in the immediate future, to speak to WOFSY separately about these enterprises, particularly China, to bring WOFSY up to date with respect to details.

(In this connection it is noted NY 694-S* commented that ISADORE WOFSY refers to the export-import business as "the Patterson-Milt Friedman project." The Bureau has been previously advised of WILLIAM PATTERSON's interest in FRIEDMAN's operation in Hungary by separate communication.)

Four Continents Book Store

As background regarding the Four Continents Book Corporation, located at 822 Broadway, NYC, NY 694-S* stated that this book store, which is a registered foreign agent, has always been referred to in Party circles as "the Russian book store."

WOFSY next reported that word has come through (to the CP) that the Russians want to "get rid of" the Four Continents Book Store. He said he had been informed that the Russians are not satisfied with the setup of this enterprise or the personnel

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involved in its operation. WOFSY said the Russians desired to turn over this enterprise to an aggressive businessman who will make an up and coming business and that the Russians have indicated that "we" (CP, USA) should find that kind of person. WOFSY said that he had been apprised of this information during the previous week by TED BAYER (Administrative Secretary, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, who has recently returned from a trip earlier this year to the Soviet Union). In referring to the book store, WOFSY stated that this project (of the reserve fund) must be handled in the most careful manner possible so as to avoid publicity.

WOFSY continued by stating that the question now is who is the most qualified person to run the Four Continents Book Store for "us" (CP, USA). He said that since he has been in contact with BAYER last week, several recommendations have been made as to the person to operate the book store. He said that he himself had made the recommendation to JOHN ABT (attorney for CP, USA) that SAM NEUBERGER be considered for this position. However, ABT did not approve of NEUBERGER. WOFSY said that he also recommended to ABT one Professor GILMAN (PH), whom he described as an individual who formerly was associated with Amtorg. According to WOFSY, ABT gave tentative approval of GILMAN, but did not make a decision pending such time as he is able to further discuss the project with GILMAN. WOFSY suggested that the Finance (Reserve) Committee assume the problem of finding a qualified person to operate the book store and suggested that JACK CHILDS should approach "GIBBY" (NEEDLEMAN) and determine if the latter has any recommendations for an individual to fill the position.

(In this connection NY 694-S* has determined that JACK CHILDS is planning to recommend MAX SEBORER as a person to operate the book store if this recommendation will be approved by NEEDLEMAN. NY 694-S* stated that SEBORER, at the present time, is interested in becoming involved in some new business enterprise.)

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JACK CHILDS then raised the question regarding the financing of the purchase of the Four Continents Book Store and WOFSY stated that it would be an "ostensible sale", but that there would be very little money involved. WOFSY stated that "we" (CP, USA) will be able to get a "very profitable" business if this project is handled correctly. In discussing how the present management of the book store may be replaced, WOFSY indicated that the Russians would not send the present operators of the store materials and books and thereby would sever relations with the present management of the store. He said that if we are able to work out this project satisfactorily, the Russians will negotiate with the new buyers of the store.

At this point LEM HARRIS commented that he too had seen TED BAYER since the last meeting of the Reserve Committee (10/22/58) and he had been advised by BAYER that the United Nations Delegation of the USSR is looking for a public relations man. LEM HARRIS commented that BAYER desired him to recommend a desirable candidate.

HARRIS suggested also that the Finance (Reserve) Committee consult with STANLEY LEVISON to determine if he has any recommendations regarding an individual to place in charge of the Four Continents Book Store.

The Finance (Reserve) Committee meeting was adjourned at this time with definite plans to again have a full committee meeting approximately two weeks from date.

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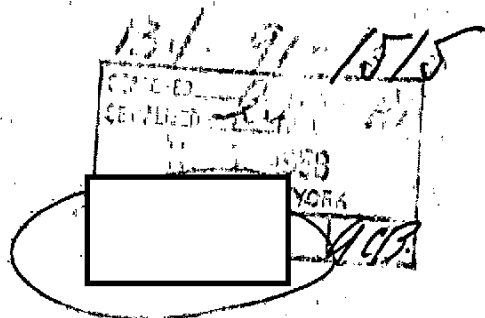
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On 10/31/58 a photograph of captioned unsub was
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photograph as that of "HUGO GELLERT, an artist". (NY 100-9645).

- 1- NY 134-91 (Inv)(7-5)
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ReNYairtel to Bureau, 11/6/58, under captioned title, reflecting that NY 694-S would contact ISIDORE "GIBBY" NEEDLEMAN for suggestions concerning who should assume control of "Four Continent Book Store."

(It should be noted that, as reported by NY 694-S, the Soviets are dissatisfied with the present set-up and management of "Four Continent Book Store", and desired an energetic, enterprising individual to assume control of it.)

On 11/7/58, NY 694-S advised SA [REDACTED] as follows:

On 11/6/58, NY 694-S discussed this matter with ISIDORE "GIBBY" NEEDLEMAN, who acts as attorney for the afore-said company. NEEDLEMAN stated that ALAN MARKOFF, who now operates the company, has been "wrangling" for some time with the Soviets and has reached "the point of frustration" in his relations with them. MARKOFF, according to NEEDLEMAN, controls 80% of the stock of the company, the remaining 20% being controlled by the lawyer BOUDIN (probably LEONARD BOUDIN). NEEDLEMAN expressed the opinion that MARKOFF would demand at least \$20,000 to surrender control of the business.

- 5 - Bureau (100-3-102)(RM)
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 - (1 - 65-1674)(Four Continent Book Store)
 - (1 - 100-) (ALAN MARKOFF)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(415)
- 2 - NY 65-7586 (Four Continent Book Store)(34)
- 1 - NY 100-78633 (ISIDORE "GIBBY" NEEDLEMAN)(33)
- 1 - NY 100-118948 (MAX SEBOKER)(33)
- 1 - NY 100-103366 (ALAN MARKOFF)(34)
- 1 - NY 100-68233 (LEONARD BOUDIN)(424)
- 1 - NY 100-19679 (ISIDORE WOFPSY)(415)
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Without any suggestion from NY 694-S, who had in mind MAX SEBORER as a replacement for ALAN MARKOFF, NEEDLEMAN himself suggested SEBORER, and said he would discuss the matter with SEBORER at the first opportunity. NEEDLEMAN was flattered to be consulted about the problem, and said he fully agreed that the present set-up of "Four Continent Book Store" be changed.

It was agreed that NEEDLEMAN should discuss the matter with ISADORE WOPSY, from whom NY 694-S had learned of the proposal to change the set-up of "Four Continent Book Store."

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Reference memorandum of SA EDWARD E. LUKIEVICS, dated 11/3/58, entitled "SAMUEL SPERBER, was., IS-R & PO" with respect to disposition of subject's 35 mm Zeiss Ikon Contax D camera, serial number 264220, which had been submitted to the Bureau by registered mail on 9/10/58 for marking and identification purposes.

On 10/30/58 the said camera was delivered to the writer by SA EDWARD E. LUKIEVICS. The writer maintained continued and uninterrupted possession of this camera until 10/31/58 when he delivered it to NY 694-S for ultimate return to SAMUEL SPERBER.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-89816)
SUBJECT: FRED MORRIS FINE
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On 11/11/58, NY 694-S* furnished SA [redacted] with a mimeographed copy of a "Statement On Fred Fine's Resignation", dated 10/29/58, which is indicated to be that of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman, SAM KESNER, Vice-Chairman, and JAMES WEST, Executive Secretary, all of the Illinois CP State Committee.

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This statement notes that FINE has resigned from the National and State Committees and from the CP as well, assertedly because he could no longer express dissent and remain in the Party. The statement disputes this, saying FINE had ample opportunity to express disagreement within the framework of democratic centralism. His action was said to play into the hands of those who work for the dissolution of the Party.

The writers of this statement proposed that the Illinois CP Board and Committee censure in the statement.

Photostat copies are furnished the Bureau and Chicago as enclosures. The original is retained as an exhibit as NY 100-89816-12129.

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- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
 - 1 - Chicago (100-18001) (FRED FINE) (Encl. 2) (RM)
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 - (1 - 100- JIM WEST)
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NY 694-S* advised on 11/7/58, that JAMES JACKSON,
CP, USA Secretary in charge of Southern and Negro Affairs,

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had said a meeting of the Southern Regional Committee (SRC) was to be held in NYC on the weekend of 11/8-9/58. JACKSON stated that the meeting would be handled with "full security".

On 11/8/58, a discreet surveillance of JAMES JACKSON reflected that he entered 63 W. 106th St., NYC, at approximately 8:45 am. At 9:30 am, ROBERT THOMPSON, National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA, was observed entering the same apartment house.

It is noted that Apartment 6-C at the above address is the residence of BELLE LEWIS HALL and CAROLINE SCOLLEN, SI subjects of the NYO.

On 11/9/58, the following persons were observed leaving the above address at intervals during the evening:

[REDACTED]
HOSEA HUDSON
TED BASSETT
GRACE BASSETT
SYLVIA HALL
JAMES JACKSON
JOHN STANFORD
[REDACTED]

HALL, JACKSON, STANFORD, and [REDACTED] were observed to leave the above address together and proceed to HALL's residence at 526 W. 113th St., NYC.

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On 11/12/58, NY 694-S* advised that on 11/11/58, he had conferred with JAMES JACKSON, who had discussed the SRC meeting of the previous weekend. JACKSON stated that at this meeting, which was held on 11/8-9/58, a resolution which had been passed at the SRC's meetings of 5/25-26/57, in NYC, was the principle subject of discussion. A copy of this resolution is attached hereto for the Bureau's information. It is noted that this resolution was previously furnished on 5/27/57, by [REDACTED] and has been contained in subsequent NY reports on the Southern Region. The main point of the

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resolution deals with a re-organization of the SRC's program in the South with special emphasis on "A four city organization".

JACKSON stated that this resolution has been the SRC's program for the past year and has been followed successfully. He said that the results of it have been excellent and that the SRC will hereafter follow it permanently. JACKSON stated that the original resolution has been changed only to the extent that in paragraph 2 thereof, two pencilled interpolations have been made. (These are enclosed in the Photostat enclosed.)

JACKSON stated that with regard to Paragraph 4 of the resolution, the SRC agreed that the Party Organization in the South, hereafter be concentrated in the States of Texas, Florida, Virginia, and Louisiana. (It is noted that the inclusion of the State of Louisiana is a change from information previously developed which indicated that Alabama had been the 4th state denoted for concentration). JACKSON made no comment regarding the wording of Paragraph 4 which refers to "Four specified Southern Cities as its first and primary concentration in organizational matters, and to the CP's being attentive to the needs and developments of the Party's organization in seven other Southern Cities". JACKSON related that the SRC's program for the future is as follows:

He said that every person who was in attendance at the meeting was a leader in his own right and would in the future hold even greater stature in the Party. He said that every one of them was fully versed in the dual role they must play in their assignment in the South. He said that this dual role included one, the leader becoming a well known and respected figure in his own area; two, his second role that of becoming an authoritative and highly respected CP leader.

JACKSON stated that these leaders must be looked to for guidance by the rank and file membership in their areas. He said they will be the highest authority on any questions raised in their particular organizational areas.

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JACKSON continued that on 11/8/58, the meeting had heard reports from the various area leaders on the problems that are affecting their districts.

On Sunday, 11/9/58, the meeting had heard reports from [redacted] and himself. JACKSON stated that he had given the report on the Party Organization relative to the Southern Region. He said that he was followed by [redacted] who had reported on the actual conditions in the South. He said that the discussion by the delegates was most thorough and that every participant was well versed on the situation in his own particular territory. He said that he presently feels that this was the best quarterly conference ever held by the SRC, and that the enthusiasm reflected was fully justified.

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JACKSON stated that BOB THOMPSON had attended the conference and had later told him that he had been amazed at the reports of the representatives from the South. THOMPSON had nothing but praises for the meeting and the SRC and was also very enthusiastic about the spirit and knowledge shown by the participants. THOMPSON told the meeting that it was his opinion that their reports reflected an example of what the CP should be and how it should be operated.

JACKSON confided to the informant that this is a personal victory for him, JACKSON, and will leave little to use for the critics of his policy regarding Negro and Southern work.

JACKSON stated BENJAMIN J. DAVIS had not attended the meeting. He also stated that he feels that in the course of the next year's work, the SRC will expand and "compound" its membership.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau and all Southern Field Offices for their information. Attempts to develop further information regarding the details of this meeting will be made in future contacts with highly confidential sources of the NYO.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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On 11/3/58, NY 694-S*, a highly valuable informant whose security must be protected, advised SA [redacted] that in a conference on the aforesaid date with JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary in Charge of Southern and Negro Affairs, the latter told him the following:

In Philadelphia, JOE ROBERTS and DAVE DAVIS have resigned from the District Committee. The new leadership there includes TOM NABRIED as Chairman, [redacted] and "ABE" (LNU), whose surname JACKSON could not recall, as treasurer.

3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
5 - Philadelphia (100-38020) (JOE ROBERTS) (RM)
(1 - 100-7431) [redacted]
(1 - 65-1686) (TOM NABRIED)
(1 - 100-) ("ABE" LNU)
(1 - 100-) (CP, USA - FUNDS)
(INV) (7-5)
① - NY 134-91 (YOUTH MARCH ON WASHINGTON) (7-1)
1 - NY 100-136272 (CP, USA - SOUTHERN REGION) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-131666 (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA - FUNDS) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-74560 (JAMES JACKSON) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-16785 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-8057 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-27452 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-23825 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (7-5)
1 - NY 100-9365 (7-5)
1 - NY 100-80641 (7-5)

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JACKSON and EUGENE DENNIS are worried because BOB THOMPSON and BEN DAVIS, JR., apparently at the instigation of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, are insisting upon holding the CP National Convention in July, 1959. They fear that if the National Committee should vote on this issue now, they would vote for the said convention's being held in July. This vote would be predicated on the last convention decision to meet again in two years.

DENNIS and JACKSON feel that at a July convention they would have nothing to report "as progress and results." This is precisely what FOSTER, DAVIS and THOMPSON would wish to happen. Both DAVIS and THOMPSON are ambitious to become "top man" in the Party, and if either should attain his ambition, FOSTER would be secure in his role as titular head of the Party.

Both DAVIS and THOMPSON refer to differences with JACKSON regarding the Negro Program. DAVIS charges the Party with continuing to follow "a revisionist line" with respect to Negro work, particularly in the Southern Regional Committee. He continually demands to know why DENNIS and JACKSON do not agree to his proposal that Southern Regional Conference offices be opened throughout the South. JACKSON described DAVIS' proposal as "unrealistic," pointing out that in places like Montgomery, Alabama, Negro leaders are still being arrested and jailed.

JACKSON also stated that a few days after the recent "March on Washington," DENNIS and he "conferred with the most secret and guarded people, who are in touch with, consult with, and guide LUTHER KING and A. PHILIP RANDOLPH." These individuals gave DENNIS and JACKSON a report on "details prior to and after the 'March on Washington'." JACKSON, alleging he did not know the identities of these persons, described them as "Party guys, far removed from the top level of the Party, playing an important role in guiding these fellows" (KING and RANDOLPH).

The conversation of these individuals, according to JACKSON, reflected that only they as individuals--and not the Party--conceived the plan for the "March on Washington," and

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successfully organized it. JACKSON, referring to these individuals, said, "Here are the guys who think they made history."

DENNIS criticized these individuals to their faces, stating they underestimated the important role the Party played in making "the pilgrimage" a success. These persons accepted DENNIS' criticism, but charged the Party with not contacting them sufficiently often. Despite the necessity for absolute security as regards themselves, they felt that the Party should maintain better liaison with them than it does.

DENNIS and JACKSON told these individuals that if the latter had such excellent control over KING and RANDOLPH, "it was difficult to understand why RANDOLPH red-baited in his speech." The reply to this remark was that after RANDOLPH took the platform, he became "overwhelmed" by the occasion.

JACKSON concluded his remarks concerning these individuals by stating that "this group may be important both in Negro work and in the American Jewish Congress."

JACKSON finally stated that he had brought back to the CP National Office "\$300.00 in dues from Philadelphia."

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11/13/58

SAC, NEW YORK (100-30114)

CPUSA - MISSOURI DISTRICT
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
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On 11/11/58, NY 694-88 furnished SA [redacted] with a copy of "Moving Forward", published by the Communist Party of Missouri, designated Vol. II, No. 6, and dated October, 1958. The informant obtained this item from JAMES E. JACKSON, who is a member of the CP National Executive Committee and Secretary for Negro and Southern Affairs.

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The copy furnished is forwarded to your office as an enclosure.

- 2- St. Louis (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 3- New York (100-30114)
 - (1- New York (134-91) (INVS) (415)
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SAC, NEW YORK (65-2977)

CPUSA - ILLINOIS DISTRICT
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On 11/11/58, NY 694-S* furnished SA [redacted]
[redacted] with a copy of "The Party Forum", published
by the Communist Party of Illinois and dated November,
1958. The informant obtained this item from JAMES E.
JACKSON, who is a member of the CP National Executive
Committee and Secretary for Negro and Southern Affairs.

The copy furnished is forwarded to your office
as an enclosure.

- 2- Chicago (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1- New York (134-91) (INVS) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-128861)

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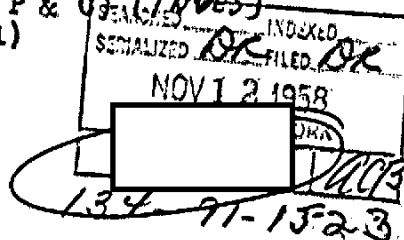
On 11/5/58, NY 694-S* advised SA [redacted]
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SMITH" is identical with DOROTHY DOUGLAS.

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NY 694-S* also advised that he believes CG 5824-S*
was referring to [redacted] and
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[redacted] and [redacted] respectively.

2-Bureau (100-3-102) (RM)
1-Chicago (Info.) (100-34108) (RM)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102) DATE: 11/14/58
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128861)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS (RESERVE FUNDS)
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Re NY let to Bureau, 11/10/58, concerning proposed new operation and control of "Four Continent Book Store."

NY 694-S* advised SA [redacted] on 11/14/58 that on 11/13/58 he learned from ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN that the latter had discussed with MAX SEBORER the proposal that SEBORER assume control of "Four Continent Book Store." According to NEEDLEMAN, SEBORER was very enthusiastic about the proposal. NEEDLEMAN said he subsequently discussed this matter with ISIDORE WOFSEY, and that they both agreed that MAX SEBORER would be ideally suited to operating the aforesaid book store. NEEDLEMAN said that, "All now necessary is the 'O. K.' of the Russians."

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NY 694-S* advised that he subsequently contacted ISIDORE WOFSEY regarding this matter, and that WOFSEY said that he intended to inform "TED" BAYER that MAX SEBORER is available to assume control of "Four Continent Book Store." WOFSEY further stated that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG would act as "advisor to the Reserve Fund" with respect to the change in operation and control of the said book store.

5 - Bureau (100-3-102)(RM)
1 - 100-3-63 (CP, USA - FUNDS)
1 - 65-1674 (FOUR CONTINENT BOOK STORE)
1 - 100- (ALAN MARKOFF)
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1 - NY 134-91 (FOUR CONTINENT BOOK STORE) (34)
1 - NY 65-7586 (ISIDORE "GIBBY" NEEDLEMAN) (33)
1 - NY 100-78633 (MAX SEBORER) (33)
1 - NY 100-118948 (ALAN MARKOFF) (34)
1 - NY 100-103366 (LEONARD BOUDIN) (424)
1 - NY 100-68233 (ISIDORE WOFSEY) (415)
1 - NY 100-19679 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (415)
1 - NY 100-21421 (415)
1 - NY 100-128861 (415)

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A I R T E L

AIR MAIL -- REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-34108)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
FUNDS (RESERVE FUNDS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Bureau airtel dated 11/12/58.

CG 5824-S* was contacted on 11/13/58 to obtain his observations concerning any positive action which might be taken at this time to have NY 684-S* selected to go to Russia along with the group to attend the 21st Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) in January, 1959, in order to take up questions concerning business enterprises with the Russians.

CG 5824-S* plans to leave Chicago for New York City on 11/15/58, and will discuss this matter with NY 684-S* at that time. The following are the off-hand opinions of CG 5824-S*:

(1) Most of the ideas for new business ventures mentioned by ISADORE WOPSY resulted from a conversation between WOPSY and IRVING POTASH. At that time, POTASH had also suggested that JOHN ABT should go to Europe to discuss these possible business ventures.

3 - Bureau
2 - New York
 (1 - 100-128861) (CP-USA, Funds) (Reserve Funds) (#7-5)
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(2) If ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG goes to Russia, as he plans to do, undoubtedly the leadership of the Communist Party - USA (CPUSA) will have TRACHTENBERG handle any discussion concerning funds for the CPUSA or business ventures.

(3) It is unlikely that the leadership of the CPUSA would select someone to go to the 21st Congress of the CPSU merely to discuss business ventures, since the leadership of the CPSU will be involved in too many other matters at that time. If the CPUSA sends delegates to the 21st Congress, these delegates will undoubtedly be members of at least the National Committee or the National Executive Committee of the CPUSA. It is noted that JIM JACKSON and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN have already been mentioned in this regard. It is unlikely that the CPUSA would send anyone with them merely to discuss business ventures since if this person were not a delegate to the 21st Congress, it would be too obvious that he was going to Russia for some other purpose and the Party would fear that unfavorable publicity and possible legal action might result.

(4) From a security standpoint, it would be very dangerous for CG 5824-S* to suggest that NY 694-S* be selected for such an assignment now or in the future; however, he would do what he could to promote NY 694-S* for such an assignment, if his name is raised by someone else in this connection.

(5) It is the opinion of CG 5824-S* that business ventures of the type mentioned by WOPSY have not been very successful in the past. The CPSU would prefer giving a sum of money outright to the CPUSA and to let the CPUSA use this money as it sees fit. If the CPUSA could use the money to establish a business, this would be preferred in contrast to involving the CPSU directly in the establishment of a business.

(6) Consideration might be given to an immediate application by NY 694-S* for a passport so that he would be prepared to make a trip as a courier or in some other capacity to Europe on a moment's notice if the opportunity is presented.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-6061)

SAMUEL SPERBER, WAS., IS - R & PO. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE NINE SEVEN SIX SIX SIX. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. ASTERISK ADVISED ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEENTH FIFTYEIGHT THAT HE MET WITH THE SUBJECT AS PLANNED ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH FIFTYEIGHT AT WHICH TIME SPERBER INFORMED HIM HE IS QUOTE DORMANT UNQUOTE AND DID NOT WISH TO HAVE HIS CAMERA BACK FOR SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR. SPERBER INDICATED HIS WIFE IS LEAVING NEW YORK CITY ON THANKSGIVING FOR INDIA VIA POLAND AND RUSSIA. THE FOREGOING WAS TELEPHONICALLY PROVIDED TO THE NYO BY THE INFORMANT WHO WAS ILL WITH A FEVER AT HIS RESIDENCE, EXPECTING A DOCTOR, AND NOT AT LIBERTY TO FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS. THE INFORMANT WILL BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY AND THE CONDITION OF HIS HEALTH. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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- 1 - NY 105-6061
- 1 - NY 100-102429 (J. SPERBER)
- ① - NY 134-91 P & C (Inves.)

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On 11/14/58, NY 694-S* furnished SA [redacted] with a mimeographed copy of "Circular Letter No. 6", addressed: "To All Members of the Draft Program Committee" and dated 11/14/58. This copy was obtained by the informant from JEAN SMITH, a secretary in the National Office of the CPUSA.

This letter points out that there was a meeting of resident members on 11/11/58, and there were present:

ALLEN (JAMES)
BITTELMAN (ALEXANDER)
DENNIS (EUGENE)
JACKSON (JAMES)
MORRIS (GEORGE)
WEINSTONE (WILLIAM)

It is reported that one view expressed was that they should continue toward a basic program, meanwhile preparing a document for the next National Convention that would set forth the guiding principles of the program.

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Another view was that the Party is not ready for a comprehensive basic program, and there should be presented to the convention a statement of general principles on the relation between the ultimate aim of socialism and an immediate program, to be presented to the Convention.

- (1) NY 134-91 (INVS) (415)
1- NY 100-32826 (JAMES S. ALLEN) (411)
1- NY 100-20128 (ALEXANDER BITTELMAN) (414)
1- NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1- NY 100-16785 (JAMES E. JACKSON) (415)
1- NY 100-13203 (GEORGE MORRIS) (415)
1- NY 100-68934 (JEAN SMITH) (422)
1- NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (416)
1- NY 100-80641

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Still another opinion was that, while working on a basic program, a "Declaration of Aims and Principles" should be prepared for the Convention and suitable for broad distribution. Fear was expressed that this would appear as a substitute for a program, and such declaration could be provided in the form of a New Preamble or as part of the main resolution.

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 11/25/58.

The circular letter was signed by J. S. ALLEN as secretary of the Committee.

The original letter is retained as an exhibit, 100-80641-1B462.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-126861)
SUBJECT: CPUSA - FUNDS (RESERVE FUNDS)
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ReBuairtel, 11/12/58.

Reairtel refers to NY airtel to the Bureau, 11/6/58, page 4, of which makes reference to two new enterprises in which the CPUSA National Office reserve fund may be interested. These enterprises are identified by ISADORE WOPSY, CPUSA reserve fund functionary, as only "China - Bob Coe" and "Export Import (Hungary) - Milt Friedman".

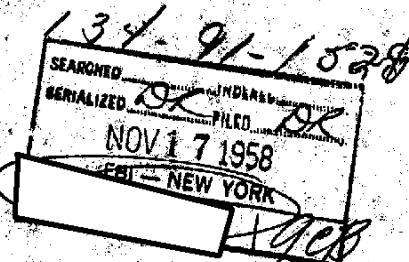
"China - Bob Coe" possibly pertains to a trade organization recently set up by FRANK COE and others to foster Chinese commercial interests in the United States.

On 9/4/58, [redacted] advised that according to CHARLES "BOB" COE, this organization has set up a board of directors consisting of TOM JONES, a Brooklyn, New York Negro attorney; JERRY INGERSOLL of Brooklyn, New York; MILTON FRIEDMAN, New York City attorney; CHARLES "BOB" COE, and one HARRIET (LNU), who was the wife at one time of CHAO TING CHI, present Chinese minister of foreign trade. She is a silent member of the board.

1 - Bureau (100-3-102) (RM)
1 - New York (134-91) (Inves.) (41)
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COE told [] that the board has \$15,000 in capital from shares of stock sold to the directors at \$500 a share. "BOB" COE himself has two shares.

[] stated he does not know whether or not this organization is incorporated. The board has been discussing doing business with China, but none of its members wish to register as foreign agents. This appears to be holding up further activity. COE has asked PAT TOOMEY, New Jersey State CP Chairman, to come into the organization as a board member to represent the United States. COE stated he would give TOOMEY the right to vote his two shares. COE indicated he felt the whole operation will run more smoothly with China when the Chinese learn that a representative of the CPUSA is on the board.

"Export Import (Hungary) - Milt Friedman" possibly related to the Danube International Trade Corporation, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, which is also the business address of WILSON FRIEDMAN, mentioned above.

According to data made available by [] on 8/29/58, FRIEDMAN as treasurer of the Danube International Trade Corporation, signed an agreement on 8/10/58, with one, J. BUEAS, of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce, Budapest, Hungary, under the terms of which above corporation was to act as United States representative of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce in promoting certain Hungarian commercial projects in this country.

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A Certificate of Incorporation for this concern was filed with the New York Department of State on 8/25/58.

On 8/20/58, ROBERT THOMPSON, CPUSA Organizational Secretary, advised NY 694-S* that FRIEDMAN had indicated to THOMPSON he was planning to register as a foreign trade agent in the immediate future to make his foreign trade business legal. FRIEDMAN indicated further he had a commitment from the Hungarians whereby they would furnish scooters and bicycles to him for resale in the United States. FRIEDMAN indicated he is currently looking for outlets in this country for the products he hopes to import.

THOMPSON advised NY 694-S* that LOUISE PATTERSON, wife of WILLIAM PATTERSON, general manager of "The Worker", will work in MILTON FRIEDMAN's office in connection with this foreign trade operation. THOMPSON commented that although he desired CP attorney, MARY KAUFMAN, to work closely with FRIEDMAN in this operation, FRIEDMAN had emphatically refused to have her involved in the business.

The NYO will, through established sources, attempt to determine if above-described enterprises are identical with the enterprises mentioned on page 4 of referenced NY airtel, and, if so, will conduct appropriate inquiries to determine if they are serving as sources of income for the CPUSA National Reserve Fund.

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The Four Continent Book Corporation, 821 Broadway, NYC, operates a retail store at 822 Broadway, NYC, selling books, records, and sheet music principally. This corporation is registered under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, one of its foreign principals being MEZHOUNARODNAJA KNIGA, Moscow, USSR (International Book.)

On 11/6/58, NY 694-S* advised that according to ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN, attorney for the Four-Continent Book Corporation, ALAN MARKOFF, who presently manages this concern, has been "wrangling" for some time with the Soviets and has reached "the point of frustration" in his relations with them. MARKOFF, according to NEEDLEMAN, controls 80% of the capital stock of this corporation, the remaining 20% being controlled by a lawyer named BOUDIN (probably LEONARD BOUDIN). NEEDLEMAN expressed the opinion that MARKOFF would demand at least \$20,000 to surrender control of the business.

On 11/14/58, NY 694-S* advised that on the previous day, NEEDLEMAN had told him that MAX SEBORER, a friend of NEEDLEMAN, was very enthusiastic about assuming control of the Four Continent Book Corporation. NEEDLEMAN indicated he had discussed this matter with ISIDORE WOPSY, and both agreed SEBORER would be an ideal person to handle the affairs of this enterprise. NEEDLEMAN said that "All now necessary is the 'a.k.' of the Russians".

NY 694-S* advised he subsequently contacted WOPSY concerning this matter and WOPSY stated he intended to inform TED HAYEN that MAX SEBORER is available to take charge

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of the Four Continent Book Store". WIGBY further stated that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG would act as "advisor to the Reserve Fund", with respect to the change in operation and control of above mentioned book store.

NY 694-S* will keep the NYO advised of further developments in this regard.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-397646)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-6061)
SUBJECT: SAMUEL SPENCER, was.
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Re NY airtel 11/24/58.

NY 694-S* advised on 11/24/58 that he met with the subject on the evening of 11/23/58 at a 4th Street cafeteria at which time SPENCER again asked the informant for the NY address of an individual to whom JULIUS KATZ-SUCHY could direct CP literature in India which would be of interest to the CPUSA.

NY 694-S* said he furnished the same address which he had previously given SPENCER, namely:

JOSEPH POLANSKY, 97 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

As the Bureau knows, POLANSKY is the father of JEAN SMITH, Secretary at the CP National Office in NY, who would pick up this material for the CPUSA.

SPENCER advised NY 694-S* that his wife JULIA would leave NY on Thanksgiving Day via Scandinavian Airlines.

SPENCER also advised that he and his wife had received a letter from KATZ-SUCHY in which he informed JULIA SPENCER that she would be welcomed at the Polish Embassy in Warsaw, where she would be attended all courtship. SPENCER said KATZ-SUCHY had also invited

- 3 - Bureau (100-397646) (RM)
 (1 - 100-348330 - J. KATZ-SUCHY)
 (1 - 100-100345 - J. SPENCER)
1 - New York (105-6061)
1 - New York (100-66601 - J. KATZ-SUCHY)
1 - New York (100-100345 - J. SPENCER)
1 - New York (100-48938 - J. SMITH)
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him to visit India, at which point he commented, "as far as I'm concerned, I'm not going any place or traveling--until 1968."

NY 694-64 said he agreed to meet with SYBESSE again on December 12th next.

Since NY 694-64 is a deliberate and valuable informant, caution should be used in any dissemination of this information.

NYO had no knowledge of NY 694-64's meeting with SYBESSE. He apparently has promised himself to interview NY 694-64 personally regarding this matter.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211)(415)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 11/25/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [REDACTED] a one page mimeographed document entitled, "Results of a Full Days Meeting of the Appeals Committee (Oct. 11, 1958)." This document sets out information regarding an appeal of the Harriet Tubman Section of the CP of New Jersey.

Informant received this document on the same date from JAMES EDWARD JACKSON with the provision that he return it to JACKSON on the following day.

Attached to each copy of this communication is a copy of the mimeographed document made available by NY 694-S*.

- 4 - Newark (100-) (CP, USA, Factionalism) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
 (1 - 100-) (Harriet Tubman Section) (Encl. 1)
 (1 - 100-) (Essex County CP) (Encl. 1)
 (1 - 100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY) (Encl. 1)
① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (415)
1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES E. JACKSON, JR.) (415)
1 - NY 100-87211 (415)

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RESULTS OF A FULL DAYS MEETING OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE (OCT. 11, 1958) with the New Jersey leadership and the Tubman Section.

The question at issue was the reinstatement of the Tubman Section into the Party. Jim Jackson introduced the subject for discussion. All but two of those present participated in the discussion.

The following statement was agreed to. (In addition, the comrades locally are to undertake some form of get-together to speed and smoothe the way for the integration of formerly expelled comrades into the work of the organization.).

1. Accept the February and June (1958) policy documents of the National Comm. and the documents of the N.E.C. with special reference to the Dennis and Thompson reports which were adopted by the N.C.
2. Accept the present personnel of the N.E.C. as the duly constituted leadership of the Party nationally.
3. Accept the authoritative present leadership of the state in the person of Pat Toohy.
4. Accept the authority of the county and state committees and respect these norms of Party channels through which criticism and initiatives are to be exercised.

The State and Appeals Committee of the N.C. to issue a statement for circulation in the Party re the restoration to membership and integration into the body of the C.P. in N.J. of the full membership of the Tubman Section.

The Harriet Tubman Section, in conjunction with the National Appeals Commission and the State of New Jersey, agree to the above proposals as the basis for the solution to the Essex County Case, with the proviso that mutual agreement be reached between the Tubman Section and the State on the matter of representation to the County and State Committees.

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JACK SHULMAN
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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 11/25/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information to SA [] regarding the captioned subject.

Informant advised that JACK SHULMAN was recently very angry with the National Office of the CP, USA, inasmuch as he had received a \$6 cut in his weekly wages. Informant advised that SHULMAN now gets \$125 a week wages, less deductions for taxes, etc. and besides this he also gets an extra amount because he is required to support a child that resulted from a previous marriage.

The informant advised that JACK SHULMAN's wife, RUTH ROBERTS SHULMAN, is employed at the CP National Office as a bookkeeper and receives wages of \$75 per week.

Informant stated he had determined from JAMES JACKSON and others that two weeks ago the Resident Board of the CP, USA, met and decided that there would have to be a wage cut for some of the National Office personnel. According to the informant, they were advised that they should make this wage cut by Attorney JOHN AET. As a result of the wage cut, JACK SHULMAN was the only one who received a cut in pay and he believes that his cut in pay by the Resident Board was done in a bureaucratic fashion as he received no notification regarding the cut in salary and it was only brought to his attention when he went to pick up his pay.

- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-67234 (RUTH ROBERTS)(425)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-111666 (415)

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NY 694-S* stated that JACK SHULMAN is "highly suspected" within ranks of the CP leadership, inasmuch as he is reported to have given up a \$150 per week job with his brother in order to take the job of "bedpan caretaker" for WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. At the present time this is the main duty of SHULMAN.

NY 694-S* further advised that SHULMAN is not trusted by FOSTER and is not taken into FOSTER's confidence. Informant commented that FOSTER's daughter, SYLVIA, is especially trustful of SHULMAN.

In this connection informant further commented that in the past, he has determined from ELIZABETH G. FLYNN and other responsible people in the CP, USA, leadership that they are suspicious that JACK SHULMAN may be a spy for the government.

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HARRY HAYWOOD
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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 11/25/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in past (conceal), made available to SA [] a two page carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated 10/25/58, directed to "Dear Comrades and Friends" and signed by "HARRY HAYWOOD." This letter sets out that HAYWOOD has disassociated himself from the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the CP and his reasons for such a disassociation.

NY 694-S* advised he received this document from JEAN SMITH, office worker at CP National Headquarters, who in turn had received it from ROBERT THOMPSON, on the same date, with the provision that he return it on the following day.

A typewritten copy of this document is attached to each copy of this memorandum.

- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(415) (Att. 1)
- 1 - NY 100-136078 (Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the CP, USA)(415) (Att. 1)
- 1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA, Factionalism)(415) (Att. 1)
- 1 - NY 100-81495 (425) (Att. 1)

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October 25, 1958

Dear Comrades and Friends:

This is to inform you that I am formally disassociating myself from the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute a Marxist-Leninist Vanguard Party, its organ, "The Vanguard", and the August 16th-17th Conference, including lying, slanderous report made to the conference by Armando Roman.

The differences which existed during the course of the inner-Party struggle against right revisionism, which seemed to be tactical, have since the conference been clearly revealed to be of a fundamental nature.

The guiding political line of the Provisional Committee has chrystallized into a left-sectarian, dogmatist position which represents a fundamental revision from the left of Marxist-Leninist political and organizational principles. This leftist line expresses itself in:

- 1) Absolute resistance to concretization of theory to U.S. conditions, and in this connection, the formulation of program to guide mass work. Resistance to patient, day-to-day work among the masses.
- 2) Rejection "on principle" of any compromise under any circumstances over any question - even over purely practical matters. Any tendency to compromise, or to adopt tactics other than the narrow tactic of "attack" regardless of the concrete conditions, is called "conciliationism". (Conciliationism, according to correct Marxist-Leninist usage, means the attempt to gloss over and conceal FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES.) In practice, this anti-Leninist attitude has hampered greatly the inner-Party struggle, resulting in numerous splits within the Marxist-Leninist left, isolating us from the Party rank and file. This leftist position negates the significance of the inner-Party struggle, attempting to lay down ready-made formulas for all places and all conditions. A complete lack of concern for unity of all Marxist-Leninist forces is exhibited.
- 3) Revision of fundamental Marxist-Leninist organizational principles from the left, which goes to the lengths of denying the concept of leadership "on principle", encouraging irresponsible,

individualistic acts on the part of persons who set themselves up as infallible demi-Gods, immune to criticism. Collective leadership and responsibility, and democratic centralism is subverted by a ruthless dictatorship of a small clique which uses all means, including slanders, character assassination, suppression of reports, lies and distortions - to maintain its unquestioned authority.

4) In such a wholly negative, destructive approach which avoids even stating a positive political position and resists constructive work among the masses.

We have concluded that the Provisional Committee, guided by this left-liquidationist line, can become at best an impotent, warring sect, or at worst, a disruptive force in the mass movement and in the struggle against right revisionism.

I feel it my particular duty to publicly express the grave doubts I have about the role of the individual known as Armando Roman, presently the political leader of the Provisional Committee. We have only recently discovered that he has been up to his neck in underhanded conniving, maneuvers, and shady dealings which raise serious questions in our mind as regards his intentions. I and a number of other comrades formerly associated with him have been forced to conclude that he is either a power-mad schemer with a left-liquidationist line or a deliberate wrecker.

On a self-critical note - I feel that in my concern with fighting against right revisionism as the main danger, I tended to negate the danger of left dogmatism, which also has strong roots in the U.S. working class movement.

As I see it, the number one task of the Marxist-Leninist forces is to unite on the basis of the struggle against right revisionism (as embodied in the dogma of peaceful, constitutional "transition" to socialism in the U.S., the leading imperialist nation) as the main danger, while at the same time combating the purist, sterile and disruptive line of left dogmatism. Both deviations stem from lack of faith in the U.S. working class. Both lead to abandonment of the struggle and liquidation of the Communist Party.

Comradely Yours,

(signed) Harry Haywood

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128861)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, FUNDS (RESERVE FUND)
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- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOESY)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-7658 (LEM HARRIS)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-64061 (JACK CHILDS)(415)
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On 11/26/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information to SAS [redacted] regarding a fifth meeting of the CP, USA, Finance (Reserve) Committee that was held on 11/26/58, beginning at noon for approximately two hours in the office of JACK CHILDS at the Flatiron Building, NYC. It is noted previous meetings of this committee were held on 10/10/58, 10/16/58, 10/22/58 and 11/5/58.

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Fifth Meeting of Finance
(Reserve) Committee, 11/26/58

NY 694-S* advised the following individuals were present at this meeting: LEM HARRIS, JACK CHILDS and ISADORE WOF SY (who acted as chairman).

WOF SY opened the meeting by stating that since the last meeting of the Finance (Reserve) Committee held 11/5/58, he had received only \$1100 for the Reserve Fund. He said this \$1100 consisted of \$500 given him by BERNARD ADES, who in turn had received it from [redacted] \$500 given by JOHN ABT, who stated he had received it as a donation from an unknown individual and \$100 which WOF SY stated he had received from BERNARD ADES, but which represented a donation from MARGARET KRUMBEIN. WOF SY stated that no money had been received since the last Finance Committee meeting from STANLEY or ROY LEVISON or any other source. WOF SY pointed out that although \$1100 had been received since the last meeting of the committee, \$7,100 had been given to the National Office of the CP and that the National Office has been taking from him reserve funds for their operation at the rate of \$2,000 per week.

As a result of the above transaction, WOF SY stated that the Reserve Fund currently has \$22,000 in cash as of this date which funds are held by BERNARD ADES.

(NY 694-S* reported that WOF SY sets out the total cash on hand of the Reserve Fund at each committee meeting so that the other members of the committee will be aware of what amounts are due the committee in the event that anything should happen to WOF SY.)

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WOF SY commented that since the last Finance Committee meeting, he had contacted ROY LEVISON and asked LEVISON for the remaining \$4,000 due from ROY and STANLEY LEVISON (referred to by Reserve Fund as "LEE") for the year 1958. WOF SY stated that he had been promised by LEVISON that the latter would attempt to make this money available to WOF SY before the year was over.

In discussing future business of the Reserve Fund, WOF SY pointed out that in the year 1959 it would be necessary for LEM HARRIS to undertake two trips in behalf of the committee: 1. To Mexico to see FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD to attempt to make arrangements to receive funds from this source; and, 2. To California to contact GRACE MC DONALD, to make arrangements to receive monies from this individual during the year 1959.

"ALEX"

WOF SY stated that also, if possible, plans should be made immediately to get back into the good graces of "ALEX" where in the past an income of five to six thousand dollars a year had been received by the Reserve Fund. When NY 694-S* questioned WOF SY regarding the identity of "ALEX", WOF SY wrote the name "MUNSELL" on a piece of paper. WOF SY stated that until four or five years ago "ALEX" (MUNSELL) had made regular contributions to the Reserve Fund, but that at that time LEM HARRIS had borrowed \$10,000 for the Party from MUNSELL, and these funds were not repaid. As a result, WOF SY stated "ALEX" now does not contribute directly to the Party, but does give cash to organizations that he deems suitable. In this connection WOF SY stated that "ALEX" was the financial power behind WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH in the controversy regarding a church in Brooklyn early this year. WOF SY stated that if LEM HARRIS is unable to mend this breach, the Finance (Reserve) Committee will request attorney DAVID FREEDMAN to contact "ALEX" since the latter is acquainted with "ALEX" and sees him at least once or twice a year.

Four Continents Book Store

WOF SY continued his report by stating that he has been active in connection with the Four Continents Book Store "deal" but

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in view of the unfortunate illness of THEODORE BAYER (Administrative Secretary, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship), it is impossible to expedite the "deal." WOFSY stated that he will continue to try to contact BAYER, who at present is middle man in the Four Continent Book Store "deal", in an attempt to complete the "deal."

(NY 694-S* commented at this point that THEODORE BAYER, at the present time, is seriously ill having cancer of the stomach, and he is not expected to live much longer. The informant stated that in view of the fatal illness of BAYER, it might be pertinent for the FBI to closely follow activities surrounding the pending funeral of BAYER and the administration of his estate inasmuch as BAYER has always been considered by the CP to be closely associated with Soviet officials.)

WOFSY continued that in the next few days he will attempt to see attorney JOHN ABT to see if the latter is able to speak to BAYER to make the necessary contacts to go on with the Four Continent "deal." WOFSY spoke of the Four Continent problem to EUGENE DENNIS, he said, and DENNIS stated that he did not desire to have anything to do with this matter and did not even want to know that the "deal" was underway.

WOFSY stated that he had also discussed the "deal" of the Four Continent Book Store with LEON JOSEPHSON. JOSEPHSON stated that he was not, at this time, interested in the "deal"; but did comment that the Four Continent Book Store was an extremely profitable business which does as much as \$800,000 gross exports per year to the Soviet Union and of these gross exports, 20 per cent of the revenue received goes to the store. WOFSY commented that Four Continent has the franchise for purchasing literature, books and journals in the United States for Soviet interests.

WOFSY advised that he had brought up the Four Continent "deal" with JOSEPHSON because the latter also had been approached by him on the question of new enterprises. According to WOFSY, JOSEPHSON stated that if the Finance (Reserve) Committee was

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able to consummate any of the "deals" with foreign interests they had under consideration, he, JOSEPHSON, has "connections" which will finance the operations.

Brooklyn Financial Situation

At this point LEM HARRIS reported that next week he is meeting with ROBERT THOMPSON, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and SAM NEUBERGER in an attempt to clear up the financial situation in Brooklyn. HARRIS commented that a strained relationship is again showing between the State and National CP Offices regarding the financial situation.

At this point WOFSY went into a tirade against the State CP organization and stated that he was of the belief that the Reserve Fund should not associate itself any further and should work entirely independent of the State organization. WOFSY stated that he was now against joining forces with the State Finance (Reserve) Committee to share monies 50-50 from contributors and enterprises, and was in favor of divorcing the National Reserve Fund from all State financial operations. WOFSY stated that he also felt that the committee should "force" ROBERT THOMPSON to divorce himself from any ideas of cooperation with the NY State Financial Committee and the National Finance (Reserve) Committee should condemn the State for their actions and attitude in financial matters against the National CP.

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This matter was agreed/and resolved among the members of the Finance (Reserve) Committee and in the future it was decided that the National Finance Committee would work independent from the State organization. JACK CHILDS was appointed to meet with BOB THOMPSON at the earliest possible date and to obtain from THOMPSON the list of donors and businesses that the National Finance (Reserve) Committee had made available to THOMPSON and this list would be returned to the National Reserve Fund who would independently contact the donors and business enterprises.

JAMES TORMEY and BETTY GANNETT

At this point JACK CHILDS mentioned that BETTY GANNETT and her husband, JAMES TORMEY have requested the National CP to

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furnish them money so they could move to the West coast to "start fresh" in CP activity. ISADORE WOFSY commented in this regard that BETTY GANNETT had been the "fall guy" because of her leadership in the open Party during the underground days and that he would not object to her leaving. WOFSY continued that he felt that \$1,000 of Party funds, but not funds of the Finance (Reserve) Committee, should be loaned to JAMES TORMEY and BETTY GANNETT to assist them in their move to California. JACK CHILDS also agreed that this money should be loaned.

LEM HARRIS stated that he did not agree that the CP should make any loan to GANNETT or TORMEY because he was well acquainted with the activities of JAMES TORMEY while the latter was the Queens CP Organizer. He stated that as Queens CP Organizer, he had done a lot of damage to the Party and had expelled many individuals from the Queens organization in a bureaucratic manner. HARRIS stated he was still angry with JIM's actions when he was Section Organizer and that many of the comrades still remember these actions.

JACK CHILDS stated that he will make available the \$1,000 to TORMEY and GANNETT if the National Office of the CP OK's the money as a loan. CHILDS commented that the CP leadership is not opposed to the leaving of these individuals for the West coast, but they desire that it not be known that they are going to the West coast with the blessing of the National organization inasmuch as dissentive elements might capitalize on this situation. CHILDS further commented that JAMES TORMEY will be involved in trade union work on the West coast and that BETTY GANNETT will attempt to start off fresh in the CP and as a capable comrade it may be expected that she will promptly work herself into a Party leadership position. CHILDS further commented that TORMEY and GANNETT anticipate their new residence would be in the Oakland area.

WOFSY commented that he would see GANNETT this date and he would tell her that JACK CHILDS was making arrangements for a \$1,000 loan to be made to her in the immediate future.

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"Wall Street"

ISADORE WOFSY brought up the point of the "Wall Street boys", HERMAN WALLACH and BARNEY SHAPHERD. He stated that the question of receiving funds from these individuals had been raised by LEM HARRIS and that when he, WOFSY, goes to see ROY and STANLEY LEVISON, he will ask them about contributions of the "Wall Street boys." WOFSY stated that if the LEVISONs are not receiving contributions from WALLACH and SHEPHERD, then arrangements will be made for LEM HARRIS to make contact with them.

The meeting was adjourned at this point and the next meeting was tentatively scheduled to be held on December 10, 1958.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-88)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - FACTIONALISM
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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect identity of informant.

On 11/26/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SAS [redacted] an eight-page carbon copy of a typewritten document dated 10/10/58, directed to "Dear Comrades" and signed "A. L."

Informant advised this document was loaned to him on the same date by ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA, with the provision that the informant would read the document and return the document to THOMPSON on 11/28/58.

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1 - NY 134-91 (INV) (415)
1 - NY 100-136078 (PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE TO RECONSTITUTE CP, USA) (415)
1 - NY 100-128821 (CP, NYD - FACTIONALISM) (416)
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NY 694-S* characterized this document as a letter from AL LANNON to ANDY ONDA that was "intercepted" by the CP, USA. Informant pointed out that this document was exhibited to top CP leadership at the meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, that was held 11/18-20/58 at NYC; however, the CP officials at the time were only allowed to read the document and were not given possession of it. Informant stated that he, himself, was able to receive this document from ROBERT THOMPSON inasmuch as informant stated that one of the individuals mentioned in the document was related to the informant by marriage and thereby informant necessarily should read the document because of "personal family reasons."

Informant pointed out that the CP, USA is restricting their dissemination of this document to the top leadership of the CP and the CP considers the document of a "highly confidential nature."

A photostat of the above-described document, which deals with the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the CP, USA, is attached for all copies of this airtel.

FOSTER

October 18, 1958

New Chicago,

In the past week, after being completely isolated from developments in New York for the past five months, I received a number of very interesting communications and documents.

1. I received a letter from some comrades in the Waterfront section, who inform me that they opposed the line suggested by Armando and Angel, that "the conference should be the basis for a new party and that nothing could be gained by further staying in the Party - that the Waterfront should now affiliate with the caucus, pay dues to the caucus and generally all break break off with the official organization."

Because these comrades voted against this policy they were told by Angel, "this was a matter of the Party" and that if they didn't vote to accept the report they would be considered expelled from the Waterfront.

2. I received a letter from Olga, of Lower Harlem, who tells me that the Lower Harlem section had been practically liquidated, that she questioned the policies being pursued by Armando and wondered whether these policies were not leading them up a blind alley.

Victor, Olga's husband, wrote very bluntly that Armando was a disruptive liar and responsible for the liquidation of the Lower Harlem section which had been a center of resistance to the revisionists and their conciliators in our Party.

3. I received a telephone call from Harry E. in N.Y. in which he stated that he had come to the conclusion that Armando was an unscrupulous double dealer and liar.

Harry E. states that he was beginning to re-evaluate his entire position of support to Armando and had demanded a show-down in the caucus leadership on some of the unprincipled practices that had been going on.

4. I received a "visit" from one of the "national leaders" of the "Provisional Com. for the Establishment of a Marxist-Leninist Party", who gave me a copy of the report made to the conference by Armando as well as a copy of the "Vanguard".

This is the first time I had seen any of these documents or had any kind of inkling as to what actually took place at the conference.

5. I just received a copy of a report made to the "national executive committee" by Harry E. on Sept. 20th, in which he quotes chapter and verse to prove his allegations against Armando.

This report is a very revealing one and exposes the behind the scenes, unprincipled maneuvering, lying and conniving which has been taking place in the top clique of the caucus. It fully confirms the conclusions we had formed here and in Chicago about the rotten, unprincipled and anti-Party character of the Armando caucus, and its inevitable disintegration.

On the one hand, the visit of Armando, Jon E. and Harry E. to Chicago last March revealed the crystallization of an unprincipled clique in N. Y. which had turned its back on Leninist Party procedure, had become steeped in unprincipled intrigue and had adopted the methods of ruthless bureaucracy, including the suppression of opinions, distortions, unbridled slander and character assassination. However, it became obvious that this clique had abandoned the Party membership and had embarked on a policy which subordinated the struggle for a Marxist-Leninist Party - to the personal aims and desires of the clique, whatever those may be, lacking a policy based on the true interests of the Party, and the working class, and prompted illusions of grandeur at best, and much more shady considerations at worst - it was inevitable.

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that the wolf pack would turn on itself.

On the other hand, it was inevitable that the genuine and healthy elements in the N.Y. caucus would eventually recognize the true state of affairs, and would attempt to make corrections.

The first supposition is fully confirmed by the Harry M. letter which reveals the struggle between himself and Armande and exposes the revolting and very questionable intrigues of this schemer.

The second supposition is confirmed by the letter from Olga of Sept. 19th in which she writes:

"I seem to be coming to conclusions which I am reluctant to admit even to myself. To summarize it in two sentences: Have our tactics of the last year really been one of fighting the revisionists or have they in fact (intentionally or unintentionally) destroyed and hampered the forces that would and could fight the revisionists? Have our tactics been one of exposing the revisionists or making it impossible to fight them?"

"Whether intentionally done or not, it seems to me that Lower East Side, for instance, was organizationally destroyed so that it could no longer fight the leadership and therefore could see no other way but out. It seems that we, in practice, while talking a very militant fight, abandoned all fight when we declined posts in the Manhattan County staff, when we failed to assist County Com. meetings, when we failed to attend the other county meetings, such as Ed. Committee, caucuses on housing, schools, etc.

"And if it is true that not only we have not been fighting the revisionists but aiding the revisionists fight the Marxist-Leninist forces, should not the conclusion be drawn that someone knew what he or she was doing (underlining mine, AL.) and that the rest of us were sucked in....."

Well put Olga! These are precisely the lines along which we drew our conclusions in Chicago and the West Coast. Too bad you had been uniformed about other developments all this time, which would have enabled you to come to certain conclusions much sooner.

While relations between myself on the one hand, and Armande and Angel on the other, have been severed some months ago (at the time of Armande's infamous "visit" to Chicago in March), I must say that I took a rather subjective approach to this entire matter. I adopted the attitude that I would wash my hands of the whole business in N.Y. and confine myself to giving whatever help I could to the people here, who have been conducting a valiant fight to save our Party.

One of the factors, among others, which played a role in my adopting this attitude was the feeling that all of the left forces in N.Y. and especially the Waterfront section, had been taken in by the lies and demagoguery of Armande and Angel, that an atmosphere had been created where anything I would write or do to express disagreement would have been rejected as "outside interference", etc.

In spite of urging from Comrade Keller in Chicago, who correctly estimated this situation from the very beginning, I did not dream that matters had gone as far as they had. I also felt that in spite of the hostile attitude towards myself, and the unprincipled attack on Jim Keller in Chicago, that somehow or other mistakes made in NY were honest mistakes that, in the process of the struggle, would be corrected. I realize now that, regardless of subjective feelings, it was my responsibility and duty, months ago, to speak out sharply in condemnation of the double dealing swindle which was being pulled by Armande and "co.", as the Comrades in Calif. and Chicago had urged me to do.

I hope that I can help expose and drive out of our ranks these swindlers and double dealer who, behind a lot of "militant" Marxist-Leninist demagoguery, have pulled the rug right out from under the rank and file of our Party and as a result, gave a new lease on life to the revisionists.

ists and conciliators, who were being driven to the wall by the membership.

Harry R. in his report to the "national steering committee" states:

"I have questions about the 'political breaks' which have taken place with a number of groups and individuals throughout the country, as well as in N.Y. Because if this type of attack is sharpened up against me, to the point of a major organizational split over NOTHING, then maybe Armando was instrumental in playing the same role in relation to the split with Jim Keller, with Al Lannon, with Pat in Chicago, etc.etc."

Now, it may be that in this so-called "national executive committee" the differences are "nothing" but tactical differences, but this was no so "in relation to the split with Jim Keller, with Al Lannon". The basic nature of the political differences which emerged, we state, as early as last March in a letter I received from Chicago:

"There was a clash of two different policies diametrically opposed to each other - differences which developed prior to the March visit to Chicago and which led to that visit, which had as its motif the destruction of those forces in Chicago, led by Keller, who disagreed with the line being followed by Armando, these two different policies were, on the one hand, the policy followed by Chicago and California - which viewed the fight for a Marxist-Leninist Party as a long and hard fight - TO BE CARRIED ON FROM WITHIN THE PARTY, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARXIST MOVEMENT ON THE IDEOLOGICAL FRONT.

"On the other hand the NY group projected a policy orientated towards and leading to inevitable split from the Party. Rather than submitting these questions for free and frank discussion among all the forces of the left, who had been involved in the struggle against revisionism, Armando and his cohorts, beginning with the Chicago visit, have been taking organizational measures, step by step, aimed at splitting and gaining control of the left movement in various areas, attempting to isolate through slander and vilification those people whom they felt they could not win over to their policy.

"They used methods of duplicity and bourgeois-politicism which in no way yielded second place to the worst bureaucratic practices of the Party leadership."

At this point it is necessary to give you a true picture of events, proceeding to and culminating with the March "visit", which Armando and Co., either withheld from you or presented in distorted fragments (which he also did at the conference.)

To begin with in December, Gene Dennis made a report to the N.C. in which he made clear the intention to wage all-out war against the left. This drive to destroy the left was to be realized through organizational measures, including expulsions, while the ideological position of the left was to be concealed and presented in a distorted light before the membership. In January, however, this Dennis project met with a serious obstacle. John Gates announced his resignation from the Party. The whole situation of the Party, thereby, focused once more on the role of revisionism. In addition with this, increasing pressure came from the N-L press abroad, which without direct reference to the role of conciliation - nevertheless directed fire against the revisionists - served to completely repudiate and sweep the ground from the revisionist position.

It became clear that a new situation had developed which required a policy designed: a) to deal the most effective blow against revisionism; b) to neutralize and defeat all attempts at further conciliation with revisionism; c) to win the fight for inner Party democracy which would enable the left to present its position to the membership.

This is precisely the policy which was presented by Chicago and forwarded to Armando and the New York group.

The meeting found that Armando, at first, accepted full agreement with this policy.

In his letter of Feb. 11th - Armando wrote that he fully agreed with this policy, and even stated that the approach towards the so-called "Foster Group" was too sharp. That in NY particularly the attitude towards this group had to be much milder. (This "correction" was made by Armando, even though nothing had been said about the "Foster Group" in the letter which he answered.)

Specifically, the Chicago letter pointed out that the left had grown, that in NY and Chicago it had become a substantial force backed by sections and divisions. This, together with the ferment precipitated by the Gates resignation, the struggle on top, the 12-Party Declaration, etc., made it possible for the left to wage an effective fight through regular Party channels and win the right to present its positions to the Party organization and press.

On the other hand - continued operation on the basis of caucus layed the left open to the expulsion drive, and served to draw the spot light away from Gates and the revisionists - rather to focus the spot light on the left. It was pointed out that to focus the spot light on the left - under the conditions then developing would only serve to enable the right to hide behind a smoke screen, and provide the basis for "unity" of the right and center in joint offensive against the left.

It was in this situation, that the Armando clique swooped down on Chicago (without previous inkling or discussion) to execute a pre-conceived coup, hatched up in NY behind the backs of Chicago, the West Coast and the NY membership as well.

We can now see what actually happened. The Feb. meeting of the N.C. was marked by an open struggle between the open revisionists, (Stein, Pine & Co.) and the center forces - a struggle for leadership between the Gates followers - and those who saw, in the light of the 12-Party Declaration and other developments, the necessity of a different line, of at least paying lip service to Marxism-Leninism.

The Gates resignation, the Pine, Stein, Lightfoot, Winters, Schneidersman developments, and all the objective factors placed the revisionists and the conciliators in a very difficult position. How to "solve" this situation was their dilemma. Armando obligingly provided the answer and the way out. He chose this moment to declare the open struggle for split from the Party, to disrupt the forces of the left, to attack and slander people who had consistently fought opportunism, and to set up a target for the revisionists and the conciliators to shoot at. Without question - Armando was a God-send to the revisionist and Dennis forces.

The question may well be asked - what was the reason for the timing and the dubious scheme executed by Armando? Events themselves confirm the fact that the reason was a bad one. How bad it was - I cannot venture to say at this moment. There is too much opportunism, too much of the contradictory in his actions. Even if Armando had been honest in launching a new party - he would have made every effort to win and convince those of the left who expressed doubts about this course. Armando, however, seems to have left no stone unturned to whittle down and splinter the left. Obviously - a number of conclusions could be drawn about this scheme. All the facts are evidently not yet apparent, and we cannot exclude the possibility of the very worst motivations on the part of this traitor.

After his visit to Chicago, Armando wrote me, knowing of my close relationship with Keller over many years, he tried to convince me of the correctness of what the "congress" had done in Chicago by indulging in the wildest lies and slanders against me, who more than any other single individual in the Party, had conducted a struggle against the revisionists in our Party leadership since 1948, facing threats of expulsion as well as all forms of victimization, with no help from any of us.

This letter from Armando, plus the full story of that "Chicago trip" which I learned from the comrades in Chicago, was a great shock to me and I had a violent reaction in my entire business. I was at this point when I started to write my "congress" report out sharply in denunciation of the entire line of the "congress" and Armando, and I realize that this was a very important moment.

I discussed this matter quite thoroughly with Vern, one of the leaders of the left forces in Northern Calif., and he undertook the task of writing NY concerning the "Chicago visit" in the hope that a frank discussion of the matter could help prevent a further sharpening of the situation.

Vern's letter was very moderate in tone and took the position that since there seemed to be no real basic political differences we couldn't understand the use of such unprincipled tactics by the NY "delegation". I informed NY that I fully agreed with Vern's letter. (At that time we were not yet aware of the basic issues involved and the gutter-level on which Armando was operating).

About 2 weeks after Vern's letter went to NY, I received a note from Angel where he expressed the hope that I would disassociate myself from Vern's letter. He also stated that a "collective" reply to Vern's letter, by the caucus leadership, would be forthcoming.

About a month later this "collective" reply came. It made no effort to answer Vern's letter, it made no effort to explain why the delegation to Chicago acted as they did. It made no effort to try and convince us that what they did was necessary. This "answer" arrogantly stated that Armando's letter was a "collective estimate" of Jim Keller and launched into a vicious tirade against anyone who dared to question the "NY delegation to Chicago". It labeled any consultationism which "must be fought regardless of who expresses them, whether they be Al Lannon or anyone else."

This marked the end of all communications between the left in NY and Calif.

In July, I received a letter from Is S. in which he raised the question: "We are wondering where are Al and Elva going - are they with us in the great struggle or not". At the same time we received a letter from Harry H. stating that they were "flabbergasted" by my silence. In addition, we heard a number of rumors, emanating from NY, which indicated that a pretty vicious and vile campaign of character assassination was being conducted against myself, Keller and Vern, as well as others.

I answered both Is and Harry but received no further word from them until the phone call from Harry a week ago. Harry H. just informs me (in his latest letter) that a motion was adopted by the caucus leadership not to have any further contact with me. The motion to this effect was made by Angel Torres.

Last Thursday night, we received a phone call from our comrades in Los Angeles telling us the "national committeeman" Is S. was there "exploring" the situation. It is significant that while Is had expressed a desire to come out here we heard nothing further from him and did not know he was on the Coast until we received this phone call from L.A. It is clear to us that Mr. "national committeeman" tried to pull a repeat of Armando's Chicago visit of last March.

I'm afraid all that Mr. S. will bring back is a great big fat fiasco - even bigger than the fiasco Armando brought back from Chicago. Since the Calif. people were aware of the result of the Chicago visit they were prepared and saw through Is's lies.

A few nights ago we received our visit by this "national Committeeman". It was not a very pleasant visit and rather than give you all the unpleasant details let me try and summarize its "highlights". This guy was evasive, untruthful, arrogant and full of self-importance over his new position of "national committee member". His general approach was "let's let bygones be bygones - a lot of water has gone under the bridge in the last year. There is lots of work to do and as long as we agree on fundamentals, I'm sure we can work out a common approach and get things started out here."

He brushed aside quite contemptuously all questions about the Chicago visit, about the fact that we were uninformed about the conference and its purposes. He brushed

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aside what Roy R. had to say in his letter about being expelled from the waterfront with, "why worry about Roy - there is nothing left on the waterfront anyway."

To our question as to why a decision was made in the caucus "not to communicate with Lannon" he first tried to deny such a decision was made, and then stated, "well, you know, your letters turned up in a lot of peculiar places, and were used by the Party leadership to attack the left." Implying that we were underhandedly making such things available to the Party leadership!

When we asked how come there is "nothing on the waterfront, and Olga writes Lower Harlem has been liquidated - how come? These were areas in which the consistent left had decisive influence. Who destroyed these Party organizations? His answer was "these mean nothing - it's the caucus and the 'new center' which is all important." Nothing seemed to phase this "leader" who had found his place in the sun after so many years of "hard struggle."

After Vern joined us in the discussion and it was made clear to us that there was nothing for him out here, he insisted "let's get a meeting of as many people together as possible, allow for plenty of discussion so that I can at least have an hour to talk, let's make the meeting as soon as possible because I will be here a week and you guys will be able to use me as profitably as possible for my remaining time here to help get things organized." (I can imagine that the question in your mind right now is: Why we didn't throw this scum out the window? and that's a good question).

Anyway, to make a long story short, we read the "report" to the conference and the "Vanguard" and then we informed Mr. S. the following:

"The report to the conference is the most unprincipled, dishonest double dealing, strikebreaking crap we have seen before. The actions of the conference and especially its leaders were nothing more than the use of 'militant' talk and phrases to hoodwink the left forces into deserting the struggle within the Party, and leaving the field wide open for the conciliators and revisionists.

"This is nothing more than a semi-trotskyite, splitting maneuver to cover up the dishonesty and the cowardice of those people who never had any guts for the real struggle within the Party.

"We want no part of the conference decisions - the events leading to the conference - neither do we want any further dealings with any of the instigators of this treacherous, strikebreaking policy."

That was the end of the "visit". These new "vanguards" yelp about the suppression of documents, expulsion, of absence of inner democracy, and make an outcry against the Party leadership - but they have followed exactly the same path - with a vengeance. They assume an absolute infallibility - posing as the one and only representatives of Marxism-Leninism.

How do they prove this claim? By excluding and attempting to silence every voice of disagreement. They made no effort to solicit the opinions of people in Chicago, California nor any other place. They dishonestly distorted and refused to make available to others copies of letters written - which disagreed with them. The approach we had taken for granted last March, of mutual confidence, collective discussion of differences, etc., was unpalatable to them. And they pose as Leninists!

Now, a word on a couple of other questions which bother me.

1. In his letter to me Harry H. states that "Armando spread the rumor that Lannon had tried to dissolve the caucus before he left N.Y.". Harry asks, "Is this true?"

While I am sure that Armando has been using his "talent" for distortion to create the impression that I had "deserted the struggle", I would like to set the record straight on this point. It is a matter of record that following the conclusion of all the Party conventions I DID make the proposal that we dissolve the caucus AND THIS WAS AGREED TO, WITH NO OBJECTIONS BY ANYONE!

My reason was, and I still believe it was correct, that while the caucus was desirable and could be justified under certain conditions, and especially during convention times, we had reached a new stage in the struggle. Significant advances had been made in the struggle against revisionism and its conciliators (why even the waverings of Armando, Angel and others were beginning to lessen) the left forces had won a considerable number of important Party posts and had decisive influence in a number of Party organizations. It was my opinion that the task of the left was to use this influence and these positions to conduct a more effective struggle WITHIN THE PARTY ORGANIZATION AND THROUGH THE REGULAR PARTY CHANNELS.

In those organizations where we had decisive influence, the channels were open to the left and we should make full use of them as well as conduct a struggle which could have (which did have in Chicago and Calif.) won major support among the rank and file for the opening of all Party channels to all viewpoints. I won't go into any more detail on this but I am convinced that my proposal was correct and our experiences in Calif. tend to prove its correctness.

Two months after leaving NY, I received a communication from Armando and Angel stating that they had to reconstitute the caucus, otherwise the left forces would be dispersed. Being 3,000 miles away from the situation, I could only accept the word of these two comrades and let it go at that. As I see it now, this was a major mistake on my part. There is no question in my mind that the reconstitution of the caucus was the beginning of a conscious plan to withdraw our forces from the inner Party struggle.

Proposals made for struggle around such issues as: 1) the need for a special national convention to resolve the confusion and various "interpretations" of the decisions of the 16th national convention; 2) the need to expose the bureaucracy of the Party leadership and to get Party branches and sections to demand that Party channels be opened so that the membership could get acquainted with the views of the so-called "ultra left" and decide for itself as to whether they did or did not agree with these views.

The fact that the comrades in Calif. had no little success on these issues indicated that the majority of the Party could have become involved in a struggle on these issues. Instead there took place in NY a withdrawal from all the positions won during and immediately after the conventions. A complete withdrawal from the day-to-day inner party struggle - instead all we got from the caucus leadership was: "agree with us or else", "We are the only pure and holy ones, come to us and be saved, and don't waste your time fighting inside that 'empty shell'".

The reconstitution of the caucus was part of a conscious plan by Armando and Co., to wreck our Party - not just our Party in general but to especially wreck those Party organizations which were the staunchest fighters against revisionism and conciliation - such as the Labor Action and Waterfront.

It is my conviction that this "conference" and its architects will have a short life. That, even though for a period of time this "vanguard" group will introduce a great deal of confusion, eventually the rank and file will see through this treachery of the "national committee". I might add, that I think the top cliques will chop each other to pieces and that those who are honest will break away as they see what Armando's real role is.

Those who are dishonest will cut each other's throat because their very basis for existence are lies and double dealing, even against each other. It is my opinion that we must get every honest force to see and understand what is taking place and to repudiate the decisions of the "conference" and the top clique running it. The Lower Harlem and Waterfront sections of the Party must be reconstituted - removing from leadership all supporters of the "conference" decisions - even if it means an open split with these people and the re-establishment of the honest elements into regular Party sections as part of the Communist Party of the United States.

Yes, we must continue to fight against revisionism and all forms of conciliation, but this must be done THE HARD WAY AND THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH IT CAN BE DONE, AND THAT IS WITHIN THE PARTY, reaching the Party membership, fighting for the right to express our views and for the opening of Party channels for these views, and especially in making preparation to participate most actively in the pre-convention discussion that will open up soon, as well as effectively organize for full participation in the conventions themselves.

Let us not be scared by name-calling, by the charge of "new conciliators", etc., etc. If to remain a member of the Communist Party to fight for a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist vanguard policy for our Party, to refuse to desert the field under cover of "militant" slogans. If working with all honest forces with the Party, no matter what their confusion is, in the direction of mobilizing them in this struggle - if this is conciliation, then the term has lost all meaning.

A final word on the relations with the international movement. The Parties in every country and throughout their history have developed on the basis of international solidarity. History confirms the fact fully that in our epoch, no "leader", no clique, can build a Communist movement apart from and without the support of the International Marxist movement. This fact had been pointed out to Armando and Co. At the conference, however, Armando dismissed this argument as "nonsense."

Just a few days ago, a Party anniversary meeting was held at Carnegie Hall - where a number of congratulatory messages were read from a number of Parties, including that of the Chinese Party praising the CPUSA for its stand on the Far Eastern crisis and calling for a continued struggle against revisionism within the Party.

Of course, we are in no position to know all the factors on the basis of which the Parties started have worked out their approach towards the CPUSA. But two things are clear: 1) Armando's claims of support from abroad - are so much hollow to be added to the long list of his fabrications; 2) the "new" party he has launched, not only will get nowhere, but will inevitably be denounced by and come into collision with, the international movement - in case they choose to take notice of this masquerade.

As regards Harry L., I personally feel that his attempt to "explain" his role by the plea of being "active" is not very convincing. He raised no objection and raised no questions until his own feet began to pinch. He still adheres to Armando's policies, and sees nothing but tactics and methods as the issue. In order to be taken seriously, Harry must dissociate himself from Armando's line and practices, make a genuine self-critical estimate of his own responsibility in the damage which Armando has done, and wage an all-out, principled struggle to expose and drive out this disrupter.

Best regards,

A.L.

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NY 694-S* advised that this document must be returned by him to THOMPSON on 11/28/58. One photostat of this four-page mimeographed document is attached to each copy of this airtel.

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GUARD THE UNITY OF THE PARTY

Statement by the National Executive Committee

Adopted November 21, 1958

Our Party faces great responsibilities arising from the continued unemployment of millions, the war crisis in the Far East, the racist obstruction to desegregation in the South and the intensified attacks on labor. We are gradually making increased headway in coping with these vital problems, thanks in large part to the fact that the Party is pulling out of the protracted internal crisis which virtually paralyzed it for such a long period. Yet this is the moment chosen by certain adherents of revisionism and some ultra-"left" elements to go over to an open anti-Party position and activity.

While maintaining continued nominal membership in the Party, several leaders of small right-wing and ultra-"left" groups have for a long time carried on a campaign of factional activity and disruption within its ranks. Having been decisively repudiated within the Party, these elements have now abandoned it and are attempting to carry on their anti-Party activities from the outside, striving to convince the Party's membership and its friends that the party of Marxism-Leninism is an obstacle to the cause of socialism in our country.

One group, whose political line can be characterized as ultra-"left", held a conference in August. This conference, headed by Joe Dougher, Harry Haywood and Armando Roman, undertook to form a new organization in opposition to the Party. Their action, as is clear from their paper, Vanguard, as well as from other sources, caps a long history of factional activity within the Party.

They withheld funds from the Party. They issued documents in the name of Party groups which were then circulated secretly among their contacts. They sent "organizers" to various districts who set up factional meetings outside of Party channels. And now this group is sending emissaries from coast to coast to try to pull members out of the Party, while organizing others for continued factional activities within its ranks.

In October, a group whose ideology can be characterized as revisionist also held a national conference. This action followed the desertion from the Party of John Gates, the California 26, and several former Party functionaries including Sid Stein and George Blake Charney. The Party has information that for some time many of these individuals have been engaged in factional meetings with both Party and non-Party people with the aim of laying the basis for an organized anti-Party grouping. In line with this, the California 26 had previously attempted to organize an exodus from the Party.

The conference set up a Committee of Correspondence to propagate the revisionist political line of its participants. Its character is revealed particularly by the fact that a debate took place over whether or not the group should characterize itself as Marxist, with a majority voting that such a designation would be "premature."

In short, the adherents of both groupings have completely exposed themselves as holding a political line in opposition to the Party, and leading inevitably to the sterility, futility and splitting tactics of all such factional, splintering groups.

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Despite its weaknesses and the uneven tempo of its advance, the Party is beginning to move forward again in mass work. This is evidenced in the growing extent of its participation in the struggles for peace, for Negro rights, for jobs, and in the election campaign and other mass activities.

As a result of the resumption of such activities, made possible by the overcoming of the chief internal obstructions which have existed and by the strong will for unity among its members, the Party today is beginning to consolidate its ranks and is again taking steps to recruit and to build. It is undertaking efforts to help rebuild a Marxist youth movement. It is steadily strengthening its own theoretical and educational work. After considerable discussion, involving a large number of shop workers, it has adopted a comprehensive labor policy statement. It is currently engaged in elaborating a new, basic resolution on the Negro question, and is making progress in its work on a fundamental Party program. Gains have been made, too, in the circulation of the Marxist press and literature.

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These positive activities of the Party received their major impetus following the February meeting of the National Committee, at which vital steps were begun to unify the leadership and develop mass activity along the Party's established political line. The June meeting of the National Committee resulted in a further unification and consolidation of the Party. The course charted by these two National Committee meetings is supported by the overwhelming majority of the Party membership and by nearly all state committees, and has the unanimous support of the National Executive Committee.

This course has been facilitated by a test of our policies in struggle and by the course of events, as well as by the lessons to be learned from the experiences of other Communist and Workers Parties. And today it is facilitated further by the new opportunities for advance arising from the role of labor and the people in influencing the outcome of the November elections.

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The choice of this moment by the right-wing revisionist and ultra-"left" elements to go over to an open assault on the Party, in the face of all these promising developments, is to be explained by the fact that they have been politically and ideologically defeated and no longer see any hope of converting the Party to their anti-Marxist positions.

They have now taken the desperate step that all such groups have taken in the past. Refusing to abide by decisions of the 16th Convention and the democratic processes of Party life, they have abandoned the Party. They claim to see no future for our Party because they see no future for their anti-Marxist policies within it.

The revisionists claim that our Party has no future because it has adopted the doctrinaire and sectarian policies of the ultra-"left". The ultra-"left" accuses the Party of right revisionism. To the revisionists, all struggle against revisionism is dogmatism, sectarianism and ultra-"left"ism. To the adventurist ultra-"lefts" all struggle against sectarianism and dogmatism is revisionism.

The history of the Party shows that in each of the three major assaults which have taken place against its fundamental Marxist-Leninist line, it had to rebuff both right-wing revisionists, open liquidators and capitulators, and ultra-"left" adventurists who try to cover their retreats and desertions with high-sounding revolutionary phrases.

The desertion of the right-wing Lovestone clique in the Spring of 1929 was preceded by the treachery of the Trotskyist faction led by James P. Cannon in the Fall of 1928. In 1945, the revisionist line of Earl Browder was soon followed by an assortment of "left"-ist factional attacks led by Vern Smith, Francis Franklin and others. The latter groups charged the Party and its leadership with revisionism at the very time when the Party was waging a resolute struggle against Browder and his revisionist brand of desertion from Marxism-Leninism.

Both the revisionist and ultra-"left" trends are equally forms of opportunism -- of succumbing to capitalist ideology. Both represent a loss of confidence in the working class and an abandonment of working-class ideology in the face of the pressures of reaction and the offensive of imperialism. More precisely, both are forms of the penetration of petty-bourgeois ideology into the ranks of the working class. The petty bourgeoisie, buffeted by the big monopolies on the one hand and fearing reduction to the status of wage workers on the other, vacillates between these two classes. At times it becomes extremely "revolutionary", giving rise to a petty-bourgeois radicalism which finds its reflection within the ranks of the working class. At other times it is driven to defend the status quo, which finds its reflection in the abandonment of revolutionary principles in the working class. Indeed, both trends exist together, and both are equally anti-Marxist and harmful to the cause of the working class and of every struggle against oppression or exploitation.

The latter-day revisionists, like those before them, again deny the validity of the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism. They reject the Marxist theory of crisis and envision a capitalism free of economic crises and mass unemployment. They reject equally the Marxist concept of the state as an organ of class rule. They see the reformist leaders of the labor movement as leading the working class to socialism, and hence deny the need for a vanguard working-class political party.

They deny or minimize the aggressive, expansionist role of U.S. imperialism. In the name of a "realistic and critical" attitude to the socialist countries and the Communist and Workers parties of all lands, the revisionists actually undermine and are increasingly hostile to the traditional solidarity and proletarian internationalism of the advanced workers of the United States, which is the proud heritage of the Communist Party.

They have, in fact, lost faith in socialism. Their protestations that the Party leadership is departing from the decisions of the 16th Convention is another piece of falsehood. It is designed to divert attention from the fact that the national convention decisively defeated their efforts to convert the Party into a political association or other type of organization devoid of Marxism-Leninism, and that the convention affirmed that the chief task confronting the Party is to build our Communist Party as a Marxist-Leninist vanguard and overcome its isolation. They would obscure and even deny the steps taken to correct past errors of policy or tactics which had contributed to weakening our mass ties.

On the other hand, the ultra-"left" sectarians today mouth phrases about "Marxism-Leninism." They seek to distort and misuse factionally the historic Twelve-Party Declaration, which they falsely place in opposition to the Marxist, working-class line of our Party. They take a completely negative position on the prospects for peace and peaceful coexistence. They openly attack as "revisionist" any concept of the possibility of a peaceful and constitutional path of mass struggle to socialism. They view the entire leadership of the labor movement as one reactionary mass and take a negative position on cooperation of the left and center forces in the unions; in fact, they reject the idea of labor unity and the united front, and try to paint the fight for coalition and united front policies as revisionist capitulation. All of these views are in direct opposition to the political line of our Party as well as to scientific socialist principles of all Marxist parties--the principles which they pretend to uphold.

The departure of these anti-Party elements from our ranks does not end the menace of factionalism within the Party. On the contrary, the two go hand in hand, and it is necessary to step up our vigilance against internal factional disruption. It is especially the responsibility of the Party leadership to bend every effort toward the eradication of all factional tendencies and toward greater unification of the Party.

Guided by the interests and needs of the working people of America, our Party will exert ever greater efforts in accord with the principles of Marxism-Leninism to expand its mass work and to gain new influence and strength for more effective mass leadership in the struggle for peace, democracy and socialism. Our Party will continue to wage a resolute two-front struggle against revisionism and dogmatism, against right opportunism and "left" sectarianism because both are harmful to the workers, the Negro people and all exploited and oppressed.

We call upon all Party members to unite and wage a determined struggle against every effort to undermine or weaken our Party. We call upon all who were or have been associated with rightist or ultra-"left" groupings -- now that they can see where the leaders of these groups are heading-- to break with them and rally to the Party. Whatever further measures may still be felt needed to strengthen the mass ties and influence of the CPUSA, those who recognize the importance of having an American Marxist Party can give no support to those who would weaken or destroy it.

We therefore call on all branches of the Party to undertake a thorough canvass of the great majority of those who have been associated with the Party in recent years, with the view of convincing as many as possible to return to its ranks and strengthen activity in the liberating cause to which we are dedicated.

We hope that among those who have left the Party, among whom are a number who have given many years to the cause of socialism and have undergone many tests under fire, there are those who will find their way back to it in the course of the developing struggles of the people, and as experience demonstrates increasingly the fundamental correctness of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and their creative application.

Our Party recognizes the need, and has taken increased measures, to assure its members a free and democratic atmosphere within the organization for the discussion and determination of all policy questions. At the same time it stresses the necessity of faithful execution of decisions reached by majority choice, in order that such discussion will contribute to increasing the Party's effectiveness in serving the needs of the American working people.

The CPUSA is now approaching its 40th anniversary. In the 39 years of its history it has participated in and led many working-class struggles. It has scored many victories and made many contributions to our country and its people and to the furthering of international working-class solidarity. It has also faced and surmounted many attacks from within and without and has weathered many storms. Our Party is persistently demonstrating its capacity for overcoming its crisis, revitalizing its ranks and enhancing its contributions to the labor and people's movements.

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We call upon every member of the Party to redouble his or her efforts to unite, to build and strengthen our Party, and to discharge our Communist responsibilities to our class and people with a spirit of fresh dedication as vanguard fighters of the American working class. In such a spirit, we are confident that our Party will overcome all obstacles and weaknesses and will march forward ever more effectively in the front ranks of the struggle for peace, democracy and socialism.

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Source: NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable info in the past (conceal).

Date of Activity: 12/3/58

Date Received: 12/4/58

Received By: SA [REDACTED]

On 12/4/58 NY 694-S* advised that ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN recently requested that the informant contact the Canadian CP for the name of a law firm in Canada that would be suitable to handle Amtorg business in Canada.

Amtorg, according to NEEDLEMAN, expects to import crab meat from Russia, and desires to obtain trade names for companies to be set up in Canada and the USA for the sale of crab meat.

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NY 694-S* stated that he communicated with Canadian CP functionary JACK COWAN regarding NEEDLEMAN'S request, and was advised by COWAN that Amtorg should contact the Canadian law firm of Cohen, Carr, Casse, and Fine, with law offices at 5 Adelaide St., East, Toronto, Canada.

According to NY 694-S*, he furnished this information to NEEDLEMAN on 12/3/58.

1-NY 134-91 (Inv) (415)
1-NY 100-78633 (ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN) (33)
1-NY 105-7304 (JACK COWAN)
1-NY 65-7471 (34)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62041)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16441)

SUBJECT: SASH
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NY 694-S advised SA [redacted] telephonically on 12/8/58, that he had returned from Toronto late on the previous evening and that by reason of appointments on 12/8/58, he would be unable to furnish details regarding his trip until 12/9/58. He furnished the following as matters of possible immediate interest to the Bureau:

According to TIM BUCK, since the last transfer to the CP, USA, of certain funds mentioned in the case entitled, "SOLO; IS - C", BUCK has consulted twice with representatives of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa. Delay in completing further transfer of funds is attributable to the illness of the newly appointed Soviet Ambassador, who has not arrived as yet in Ottawa, and who must handle this transaction personally. BUCK mentioned that the entire staff of the former Soviet Ambassador, including the Party Secretary, had been recalled to the Soviet Union. BUCK said that he had received assurance that as soon as the new Soviet Ambassador arrived, this matter would be handled promptly.

- 5 - BUREAU (65-62041)(RM)
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 - (1 - 100-21341)(TIM BUCK)
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 - (1 - 134-46 Sub B)(SOLO)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-134637 (SOLO)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-15140 (TIM BUCK)(33)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA, International Relations)(415)
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- 1 - NY 65-16441 (33)

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BUCK mentioned that Canadian CP functionary JOHN WEIR (PH) had returned in late November from a trip to Moscow, where he had attended "a high-level Slavonic conference." BUCK said, "I'll tell you a secret. When Johnny (Weir) was there (in Moscow) a few weeks ago, attending a high level Slavonic conference, there were excited whispers he couldn't help hearing that on December 1st a rocket would be shot to the moon."

Details regarding the informant's trip to Toronto will be furnished as soon as possible.

It should be noted that the information contained herein, by its nature, tends to identify NY 694-S as the source thereof.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-397666)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-6061)
SUBJECT: SAMUEL SPERBER, was
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ReNYteletype 11/18/58, and NY airtels, 11/24, 26/58.

NY 694-S* personally interviewed this date.
NY 694-S* advised that at his first meeting with SPERBER on 11/17/58, SPERBER indicated the reason he had initiated contact with NY 694-S* was because of his wife's trip to India.

SY said JULIA (wife) was going to India via Moscow. SY thought that any little inside political "tid-bits" concerning the CP, USA which NY 694-S* could provide him, would be of interest to KATZ - SUCHY. NY 694-S* advised agents that he didn't care to provide SY with such "tid-bits" since SY and JULIA would only use same to enhance themselves in the eyes of KATZ - SUCHY, concerning their inside pipelines to the CP, USA. Also NY 694-S* felt that any items of an "inside" nature that he gave would ultimately be mentioned by KATZ - SUCHY to the Soviet Ambassador in India since KATZ - SUCHY and the Soviet Ambassador are close friends, according to SY. NY 694-S* said that conceivably some item he would give SY might be at variance with some item passed to Soviets out of the SOLO case. Accordingly, NY 694-S* felt it wise to avoid giving any such "tid-bits". The NYO agrees with this reasoning.

The Second purpose in SY contacting NY 694-S* was to obtain again, the address previously furnished, to which

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KATZ - SUCHY could mail material of the CP of India for the CP, USA.

NY 694-S* advised that he told SY he didn't have this address with him, but would try to look it up and provide SY with same. NY 694-S* let SY know that he wasn't too eager to re-furnish the address inasmuch as some time ago NY 694-S*, at SY's request, caused JEAN SMITH to mail CP, USA material out to KATZ-SUCHY at 22 Golf Links Area, New Delhi, India. Since that time, KATZ - SUCHY has never acknowledged receipt of same, nor has KATZ - SUCHY sent any material on the Indian Party to the mail address furnished. SY assured NY 694-S* that if JULIA took this address to KATZ-SUCHY - SY would promise that material about the CP in India would be forwarded. SY apologized for KATZ-SUCHY's failure to acknowledge receipt of previous mailing and offered to pay NY 694-S* for whatever expenses he was put to in connection with this mailing. NY 694-S* declined.

NY 694-S* told SY that he has been quite busy with his business since they last met, that he has traveled a lot in connection therewith and accordingly they have been unable to get together. SY assured NY 694-S* that he knew of NY 694-S* being busy with his business as he sees SAM EROWN often and EROWN told him of same.

NY 694-S* said there was only this discussion of CP, USA affairs; NY 694-S* told SY that prior to IRVING POTASH's release from prison, BOB THOMPSON related this story to NY 694-S* POTASH believed that when he was released from prison, that INS would again arrest him and could hold him six months and then deport him to Poland.

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POTASH was in mortal fear of this and wanted the CP, USA to contact the Poles, brief them on this and arrange that official Polish channels would state, if asked by INS, that they would refuse to accept POTASH if he were expelled from USA. THOMPSON told NY 694-S* that the CP, USA didn't have any direct contact with the Poles and asked NY 694-S* if he could handle this in Canada. SY said "why didn't you see me, I'd take care of it in a few hours." NY 694-S* said nothing was done since POTASH wasn't picked up when released from jail. SY asked if JULIA could relate this incident to KATZ'SUCHY. NY 694-S* said no, it would not be good party policy, it probably would get back to the Russians and they may believe that there was too much gossip coming out of the CP, USA. SY agreed not to relate this to JULIA.

NY 694-S* said he was with SY almost 2 hours. They had dinner at the Farm-Feed Restaurant on 49th Street near 6th Avenue. After dinner they walked down to 42nd Street and en route visited a bookstore where SY purchased a book for JULIA's trip (no significance). While walking on 42nd Street, NY 694-S* asked SY, "Are you 'busy' these days?" The timing was such that both men knew this meant "Are you engaging in clandestine activities?" SY's answer was that he pointed to the Public Library (which they were passing) and said "I have only been there twice since my son died". NY 694-S* asked if SY wanted his camera. He said no, not for 6 months or a year, he is not interested in the camera at this time. NY 694-S* said this was as close as he approached to the topic of clandestine activities. There were no other references to this topic.

NY 694-S* said they passed the 42nd Street Cafeteria (on 42nd between Broadway and 6th Avenue) and SY told him he hung out there and suggested NY 694-S*, if possible, see him there on Tuesday the 25th.

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SY said he would be sitting near the 41st Street entrance to this Cafeteria between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m., and if NY 694-S* could give him the mailing address at that time he would appreciate it. NY 694-S* said it was a tentative meet and he, NY 694-S* didn't say yes or no. NY 694-S* asked why couldn't he phone him and SY said that everybody's phones are tapped, including NY 694-S* and so he doesn't want to be giving names, places or times over any phone. SY also said that in connection with any meeting they have set up, if either of the two of them can't make it - the meeting should occur one week later, same time, same place.

NY 694-S* said they parted on this. NY 694-S* was quite ill that night and accordingly failed to give all details on phone. The following day, expecting to discuss matters personally with agents. Due to length of his illness, NY 694-S* then met SY in said cafeteria at 5 pm, on 11/25, without discussing this with agents. At this time they were together 22 minutes, and NY 694-S* furnished SY with mailing address (set out in ref'd 11/26).

NY 694-S* said he used word "dormant" to describe SY and his use of word meant, only that at this time SY was not engaging in clandestine activity. NY 694-S* based his conclusion on SY's remark when they passed library plus SY's continual reference to his "personal tragedy" (son's death) which has taken the most out of things. NY 694-S* can't explain why SY used library as an example of his inactivity except that SY has in past told him of spending hours in libraries. NY 694-S* said he believed that in view of SY's response, the camera is not necessarily a barometer of SY's activity or lack of same.

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NY 694-S* said that at his second meeting with SY they arranged to meet again, same time and place on December 15th. NY 694-S* said meeting SY second time without advising NYO was a "mistake on his part" and in future he would keep office advised.

NY 694-S* said only other items talked about at first meeting were these. SY said that CONSTANTINE RADZIE got his passport but will not go to the Soviet Union unless he gets an official invitation from the Soviets. SY didn't clarify what was meant by official invitation and NY 694-S* got the impression that SY believed RADZIE was engaging in wishful thinking.

SY also said that his friend VIC PERLO had been refused a passport. PERLO is compiling a "case against the State Dept" concerning their arbitrary refusals on passports and intends to publicize same when completed. SY gave no details. SY also said that if PERLO does get a passport later - it is SY's opinion that PERLO would not return to the USA, that he could and would get a good job as an economist in some other country. (no details)

This concludes details not covered in previous communications. Bureau will be kept advised.

On 11/23/58, SPERREN visited his safe deposit box at the Central Savings Bank from 11 am to 11:18 am. No other details known. Since visit to deposit box has been often a cue to SY's travels, a file has been maintained on SY.

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Fisur coverage will be maintained on SY over weekend to determine if he leaves town. If SY reports back at work Sunday, fisur will be dropped and he will be checked out during evening hours.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informant.

On 11/26/58, NY 694-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past, (conceal) orally furnished information to SAS regarding conversations the informant had with JAMES JACKSON, Negro and Southern Affairs Secretary, CP, USA, on 11/25-26/58.

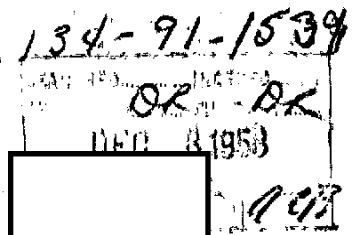
Informant advised that JACKSON described the meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, held on 11/18-20/58, as "a good meeting". JACKSON stated that in his opinion the NEC is now finally established as a authority in the Party. JACKSON further expressed the belief that "in a way" the NEC meeting opposed the political stand of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS and ROBERT THOMPSON. JACKSON said that he spoke to NEC at the last session and pointed out his opinion that the NEC was now established as a Party authority.

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JACKSON pointed out to NY 694-S* that as a result of the last NEC meeting he believes that BENJAMIN DAVIS now has more respect for him (JACKSON) than he had before the meeting. JACKSON commented that, however, DAVIS did not speak to him all during the NEC meeting.

- 1 - NY (134-91) (Invest.) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-87211) (CP, USA Factionalism) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-32826) (JAMES ALLEN) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-80640) (CP, USA Negro Questions) (415)
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- 1 - NY (100-128861) (CP, USA Reserve Funds) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-80641) (415)

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NY 100-80641

Informant advised that JACKSON stated that there was a resident board meeting of the CP, USA at Communist Party Headquarters on 11/25/58. He stated that at the resident board meeting the members of the NEC present agreed that they would discuss three recent "articles" submitted to the NEC by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. Informant described these articles as follows:

1. A large article submitted by FOSTER to the NEC prior to the NEC meeting that began on 11/18/58.

2. An article entitled "notes on the CP Electoral Policy" submitted by FOSTER to the NEC by cover letter dated 11/17/58.

3. An article scheduled to appear in the "Sunday Worker" edition of 11/30/58.

JACKSON stated that the resident board meeting on 11/25/58, agreed that the third article, mentioned above, would be permitted to appear in "The Worker". It was agreed that the second article which arrived late during the NEC meeting, 11/18-20/58, criticized the leadership on election policy and it will be held back by the resident board for a while. Regarding the first article the resident board agreed to withhold this entirely for a restudy and it was decided that JAMES ALLEN, chairman of the Platform Committee, CP, USA, would direct a letter to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER answering the first article and also make an attempt to speak personally to FOSTER regarding the article. ALLEN, according to the informant, was instructed by the resident board that he must advise FOSTER that the first article cannot be incorporated into the Party Platform.

JAMES JACKSON commented to NY 694-S* that JAMES ALLEN is a "good friend of FOSTER" and, therefore, he as a member of the Platform Committee had been instructed to advise FOSTER the article would not be taken seriously by the CP Platform Committee.

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JACKSON stated that at the resident board meeting on 11/25/58, ROBERT THOMPSON insisted that the article appear in "Political Affairs" but that the resident board decided against this.

JACKSON further advised NY 694-S* that at the resident board meeting on 11/25/58, he himself (JACKSON) was appointed to draw up a resolution advocating that a larger Negro ~~presentation~~ ^{unit} be invited to attend the National Committee meeting scheduled to be held in early December, 1958.

JACKSON further advised the informant on 11/26/58, that he had recently received some money for the Negro Commission. NY 694-S* expressed a personal belief that the money JACKSON received was probably a portion of the \$6,000 that NY 694-S* made available to EUGENE DENNIS on 11/24/58. (It is noted this \$6,000 made available to DENNIS by the informant on 11/24/58, was a portion of that money received by the CP, USA from the Russians via Canada. No mention of the origin of this money should be set out in any document or report that may possibly be disseminated outside the Bureau.)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-87638)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-21785)
SUBJECT: SAM BROWN, was;
Samuel Bronstein, True Name
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Re NY report 11/18/58.

On 6/20/58, [redacted] advised that SAM BROWN desired to discuss with NEEDLEMAN the possibilities of going into a mail order business for electrical appliances.

On 11/19/58, [redacted] advised that SAM BROWN informed NEEDLEMAN that his office was now Room 616 at 1133 Broadway, NYC, telephone number CHelsea 3-2543. On the same date, BROWN was observed to be in the one-room office at 1133 Broadway.

NY Telephone Company advised on 11/28/58, that CHelsea 3-2543 was listed to Inex Sales Company, Room 616, 1133 Broadway. The records of the County Clerk's Office, NYC, were reviewed on 12/1/58, and reflected that a business certificate for partners was filed on 11/17/58, listing SIDNEY B. TOBIAS (Bufile 100-337615), 510 Audubon Avenue, NYC, and RAY BROWN (subject's wife's name), 41 West 52nd Street, NYC, as a partnership under the name of Inex Sales Company, NYC. The certificate was signed and dated 11/17/58. ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN's name appeared as attorney.

- 3 - Bureau (100-87638) (RM)
- 4 - New York (100-21785)
 - (1-100-62751) (SIDNEY TOBIAS)
 - (1-100-78633) (ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN)
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NY 694-S* does not know exactly what kind of business BROWN has gone into, but states that he is of the opinion that BROWN, working through TOBIAS' contacts, has been making purchases of electric and/or radio parts on behalf of Amtorg Trading Corporation.

In view of the above developments, instant case will be closely followed and the Bureau will be requested to consider additional coverage by separate communication.

Note for NY Files
SAM BROWN's new office is in the building at 26th Street and Broadway. BROWN's office room #616 is on the sixth floor and faces 26th Street (CP Headquarters is 26 West 26th Street and can be seen from BROWN's office). Section 417 maintains a visual lookout plant in Room 610 on the same floor of the same building.

Since these two offices are quite close together, this is being written for informational purposes.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-9360)(415)

12/4/58

SA [] (41)

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 11/25/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [] a five page document and cover letter dated 11/17/58. The cover letter is directed "To the National Executive Committee" and is signed by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. The document is entitled, "Notes on the Communist Party Electoral Policy", by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

Informant advised he received this document on 11/25/58 from JEAN SMITH, office worker at CP National Headquarters, the latter having received it from ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA, for delivery to the informant.

Inasmuch as it was necessary to return the original document to the informant, Photostats have been made and are attached to all copies of this memorandum with the exception of the copy designated for the informant's file.

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- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-102697 (CP, USA, Attempts to Infiltrate Mass Org.)(411)
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- 1 - NY 100-79717 (CP, USA, Political Activities)(415)(Att. 1)
- 1 - NY 100-9360 (Att. 1)(415)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-62751)(425)

12/10/58

SA [] (41)

SIDNEY TOBIAS
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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 12/9/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SAS [] that last week he had determined from ROBERT THOMPSON that the CP had originally set up SIDNEY TOBIAS in the appliance store business. THOMPSON commented that although the CP had originally financed TOBIAS in this business, the CP no longer realizes any profits from the enterprise and has no proof of ownership in the enterprise.

NY 694-S* commented that SIDNEY TOBIAS quit the CP even before JOHN GATES resigned.

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① - NY 134-91 (Inv)(415)
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-74660) (415)

12/8/58

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of NY 694-S*.

On 11/26/58, NY 694-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal) orally furnished information to SAS regarding a contact the informant made on that a.m. with ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA.

NY 694-S* advised that on the morning of 11/26/58, THOMPSON gave to the informant \$2,000 in government bonds and \$500 in cash for the informant to hold as THOMPSON's personal "reserve". The informant told THOMPSON that as a member of the National Finance Committee, it was "awkward" for the informant also to hold large sums of money for THOMPSON and not to tell the other members of the Finance Committee that he was holding such funds. It was agreed with THOMPSON and the informant that after the first of the year they would meet in an attempt to work out a different plan regarding the holding of money by the informant for THOMPSON. It is noted THOMPSON requested that the informant not divulge to others that he was holding this money for THOMPSON.

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- 1 - NY (134-91) (Inv.) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON)
- 1 - NY (100-128861) (CP, USA, Reserve Funds) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-74660) (415)

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On 11/26/58, NY 694-S* advised the contacting agents that he is now holding an approximate sum of \$43,000 for the CP, USA. This sum represents approximately the \$7,000 the informant is holding for ROBERT THOMPSON, \$11,000 which money originated from the Russians, via Canada, which informant is holding for EUGENE DENNIS, and \$25,000 which the informant is holding for ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. Informant commented that \$12,000 of the funds that the informant is holding for TRACHTENBERG represents the "old man" money (money of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER).

(It is noted that the Bureau has instructed that no reference to the \$11,000 that the informant is holding for EUGENE DENNIS, which money originated from the Soviet Union, should be made in any report disseminated outside the Bureau.)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informant.

On 11/26/58, NY 694-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information to SAS regarding a meeting the informant had on the same date with ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA.

THOMPSON advised the informant that the expenses of the National Office of the CP, USA are currently being held at a equal level of from \$1300 to \$1400 per week. THOMPSON commented that traeling expenses deducted from the dues turned in by the various districts are at the present time "hurting" the National Office financially.

THOMPSON advised NY 694-S* that he will submit to the informant at their next meeting a budget as to what the future needs of the National Office are expected to be. NY 694-S* needs this information in connection with the informant's duties as a member of the National Finance (Reserve) Committee of the CP, USA.

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- 2 - BOSTON (100-) (CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Fund) (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-17116) (DOROTHY DOUGLAS)
- 1 - CHICAGO (100-34108) (CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Fund) (Info) (RM)
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 - 1 - NY 100-128314 (CP, NYD, Funds) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-128861 (CP, NYD, Funds (Reserve Fund) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSEY) (415)
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| 1 - NY 100-58757 | (DAVID FREEDMAN) (424) |
| 1 - NY 100-94165 | (HY MANDELL) (424) |
| 1 - NY 100- | (FNU BERG or BERGER, BURG or BURGER (PH), reported to be part-owner of building at 35 East 12th Street, NYC, per NY 694-S*) (412) |
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| 1 - NY 100-13203 | (GEORGE MORRIS) (423) |

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On 12/9/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally furnished information to SAS [redacted] regarding a meeting of the CP, USA, Finance (Reserve) Committee that was held in the office of JACK CHILDS at the Flatiron Building, NYC, on 12/9/58.

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Meeting of CP, USA, Finance
(Reserve) Committee, 12/9/58

NY 694-S* advised the following individuals were present at this meeting: LEM HARRIS, JACK CHILDS and ISADORE WOFSY (who acted as chairman). Informant commented that individuals on the Finance Committee had been contacted on 12/8/58, by ISADORE WOFSY, who requested that this meeting be called ahead of schedule inasmuch as an important matter required immediate discussion.

WOFSY opened the meeting by stating that the matter that required immediate discussion was regarding CHARLES KELNER and the ownership of the building at 35 East 12th Street, NYC. He said that it was necessary that this meeting be held immediately because of the need for prompt action and also because LEM HARRIS would be tied up on 12/10/58, at a meeting to be held in the office of BERNARD ADES with WILLIAM ALBERTSON, ROBERT THOMPSON and SAM NEUBERGER.

12th-13th Realty Corporation

WOFSY reported that in the past two years, relationship between the CP and CHARLES KELNER, who has been managing the building at 35 East 12th Street in behalf of the CP, and KELNER's attitude towards the CP have not been good. He said that KELNER was erratic in his payments to the CP that resulted from the operation of the building and when he met with WOFSY he was never without derogatory remarks towards the CP and never failed to comment how he "was sacrificing himself needlessly" in the work he did for the Party.

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WOFsy continued that while at the beginning of 1958, KELNER made some payments to the Party, he kept hinting his payments to the Party would soon cease. In March or April, 1958, KELNER stopped all payments. KELNER explained his action in ceasing payments to the Party by explaining that the Internal Revenue Service had conducted an investigation of the building and also of his (KELNER's) personal income. As a result of this, penalties in the sum of \$1,000 each were imposed against him personally and against the building.

WOFsy stated that the action of the Internal Revenue Service was not only KELNER's excuse for stopping payments to the CP, but it was also used by KELNER as a reason to stop contact with WOFsy altogether. Finally, WOFsy continued, the other day he approached KELNER and asked KELNER to resume payments. KELNER retorted "There'll be no more payments. I'm finished. I've had it." WOFsy said that in view of the fact that KELNER was reportedly a cardiac, he did not argue immediately. However, several days later WOFsy again approached KELNER and posed the following questions to him:

1. Does your attitude in stopping payments mean a severance of relations with us (CP)?
2. Do you think this building is your personal property?

According to WOFsy, KELNER replied in the affirmative stating that the building "is mine and does not belong to anyone but me." WOFsy stated that KELNER also stated, "If you want to talk to me in the future, go to the lawyer (DAVID FREEDMAN)."

WOFsy stated to the Finance Committee that he was now asking them for proposals and procedures on how to handle the KELNER matter. He said he had called this special meeting and reported as above so that he will be able to speak and make recommendations to the top leadership of the CP.

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WOFSY stated this problem is extremely complicated and he proposed the following suggestions and comments for consideration:

1. Determine the exact state of affairs of the building ownership by examination of the legal papers of ownership. These papers are in the possession of Attorney DAVID FREEDMAN.
2. Speak to and feel out the other two "so-called owners", HY MANDELL and the other is someone in Brooklyn named BERG or BERGER (PH) (possibly identical to SYDNEY BERGER).
3. Examine the first mortgage on the building, which is held by a bank, in an unknown amount and determine if the holder of the second mortgage may press for closing of his mortgage to sell the building. WOFSY commented that the second mortgage on the building is in the amount of \$100,000 and is held by ALEX MUNSELL.
4. The Party should conduct a thorough investigation to ascertain the reasons for KELNER's attitude and the actual financial status both of KELNER and the building.

At this point LEM HARRIS spoke stating that his experiences over the years with KELNER were never good. HARRIS stated that KELNER was not the best person to manage the building and he, himself, failed to see or recollect any qualifications for KELNER to be even associated with the CP.

HARRIS continued by stating that the KELNER case had every earmark of another [redacted] (NY 694-S* commented that [redacted] for years, had operated the [redacted] Store in behalf of the NY State CP. In recent years, [redacted] assumed control of the ownership of [redacted] and he has refused to have anything further to do with the CP.)

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HARRIS continued by stating that he agreed with the proposals of WOFSY and further recommended that action be taken

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immediately, if possible this afternoon (12/9/58). He suggested that WOFSY and himself make arrangements to see DAVID FREEDMAN, the attorney, this afternoon (12/9/58) and based on talks with FREEDMAN, they would proceed. HARRIS also suggested that WOFSY, at the first available moment, notify EUGENE DENNIS of the KELNER matter.

JACK CHILDS commented that he also agreed with the proposals of WOFSY and questioned why action had been delayed so long when all the time "we" knew KELNER was a person we neither liked or trusted, but permitted to "feather his own nest" over the years. CHILDS recommended that no time should be lost in taking action.

(In this connection, NY 694-S* commented that KELNER's accountant is MORRIS GREENBAUM, who informant characterized as "very shrewd." Informant suggested the possibility that KELNER and GREENBAUM may be involved in a conspiracy to defraud the CP and that KELNER may be acting on the advice of GREENBAUM. NY 694-S* also stated that if the CP was able to sell the building, there would also be an additional problem of how to account for taxes in connection with the building income over the years. Although the CP paid the taxes, a problem might arise as to how the owners would account for their income which resulted from the building. Informant continued that the attitude of HY MANDELL in recent weeks has not been good towards the CP. Informant expressed the belief that WOFSY will probably "get hell" in connection with the building matter although the entire matter had been set up by the late WILLIAM WEINER.)

(NY 694-S* continued by stating the building at 35 East 12th Street, NYC, is estimated to have a present evaluation of 1/4 million dollars, although the CP, CPA, Finance (Reserve) Committee, at present, does not know what the Party's equity in the building exactly is.)

Current Reserve Status:

WOFSY continued by stating that he would give a complete financial report on the Finance (Reserve) Committee at the conclusion of 1958. This statement, which he will submit,

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will give total figures on income and expenses. WOFSY stated that since the last meeting of the Reserve Committee (11/26/58), he had given to the National Office of the CP, USA, the sum of \$4,500 to cover the expenses of the National Office and also to take care of the National Committee meeting (12/6-7/58).

WOFSY stated that the only income received by the Reserve Committee since the last meeting (11/26/58) was \$2,200, which amount was received from JOHN ABT and BERNARD ADES. WOFSY did not explain further regarding this amount except to say that \$500 of the figure of \$2,200 originally came from DOROTHY DOUGLAS.

WOFSY continued by stating that as of the present time there is a balance of \$29,000 remaining in the Reserve Fund. He further commented that \$800 had been loaned to GEORGE MORRIS for MORRIS' trip abroad. MORRIS will repay this sum to the Reserve Fund on his return.

STANLEY and ROY LEVISON

WOFSY stated that although the LEVISON brothers had promised to pay \$4,000 to the Reserve Fund during the month of December, 1958, to date nothing has been received.

FREDERICK V. FIELD

LEM HARRIS reported that he had heard from FREDERICK FIELD in an "indirect way." HARRIS indicated that his source was JESSICA SMITH, but that SMITH herself possibly heard from FIELD indirectly. According to HARRIS, FIELD is not coming to NYC for another year and there is no change in his attitude in that he refuses to give direct donations to the CP.

Four Continent Book Store

WOFSY reported that THEODORE BAYER is out of the hospital although he is seriously ill and not expected to live. WOFSY stated that he is still waiting to discuss the

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Four Continent Book Store situation with BAYER and that this matter has been temporarily shelved in view of BAYER's illness. WOFSY said the final decision regarding the Four Continent Book Store must come "from the other side."

The Reserve Committee meeting was adjourned at this point with the next meeting tentatively scheduled in two weeks.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80633)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - EDUCATION
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Re NY airtel dated 11/28/58 captioned "CP, USA - FUNDS (RESERVE FUND)."

NY 694-S* advised SA [redacted] on 12/12/58 that on the previous day JAMES TORMEY, husband of BETTY GANNETT, consulted JACK CHILDS, member of the CP Reserve Fund Committee, regarding a loan GANNETT and TORMEY have

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(1 - 65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA)
1 - Chicago (134-46) (CG 5824-S*) (INFO) (RM)
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1 - NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSY) (415)
1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
1 - NY 100-15946 (JAMES TORMEY) (415)
1 - NY 100-128861 (CP, USA - FUNDS (RESERVE FUND)) (415)
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requested from the CP for the purpose of financing their moving to Oakland, California.

Pursuant to instructions from ISADORE WOFSY, member of the CP, USA Reserve Fund Committee, who had discussed this matter with the CP, USA leadership, CHILDS told TORMEY that CHILDS personally would negotiate a bank loan of \$1,000.00, of which WOFSY, for the CP, USA, would be guarantor. The said \$1,000 would be given to GANNETT and TORMEY as a loan.

According to NY 694-S*, WOFSY has stated that BETTY GANNETT is to be educational director of Northern California, but her appointment to this position, in accordance with instructions from the CP National Office, is to be made "indirectly." To avoid possible criticism, the National Office does not wish to appear to have appointed GANNETT to the Northern California educational directorship. Upon arrival in California, GANNETT will be "requested" by MICKEY LIMA, San Francisco CP functionary, to assume the position of educational director. LIMA also "wants it this way".

According to present plans, TORMEY and GANNETT will leave for California "some time" in January, 1959, the date being uncertain, because GANNETT does not wish to leave New York until relatives now ill have fully recovered.

It should be noted that the information above, by its nature, tends to identify NY 694-S*, a valuable informant, as the source thereof. Utmost caution must be exercised with respect to dissemination of this information.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-89691) (415)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect the identity of the informant:

On 11/25/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [] a one-page mimeographed document dated 11/24/58, directed to "To all Districts" and "To all National Committee Members". This document is signed by ARNOLD JOHNSON and attached to the document is reprint from an article appearing in the "New York Post" dated 9/23/58, and a text of a letter sent to President EISENHOWER and released to the press on 9/23/58.

NY 694-S* orally advised that these documents were received by him on the same date from ~~JEAN~~ SMITH, office worker at CP National Headquarters.

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The letter of 11/24/58, is in reference to the imprisoned CP leaders HENRY WINSTON and GILBERT GREEN. The letter requests that letters be sent to the Parole Board Chairman in Washington, D.C. in an effort to gain parole of release for WINSTON and GREEN. The letter also calls for amnesty by Christmas for WINSTON and GREEN and urges the recipient of the letter to write to the President.

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- 1 - NY (100-98557) (CP, USA, Defense Activities) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
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Attached to the 11/24/58 letter was a reprint from the "New York Post" entitled "Nebuhr, NORMAN THOMAS Join Plea to IKE to Free Two Top Reds". The second attachment is the complete text of the letter sent to President EISENHOWER and released to the press on 9/23/58, which letter requests the President to exercise executive clemency in behalf of GREEN and WINSTON. This second letter is signed by approximately 55 individuals.

The above letter by ARNOLD JOHNSON dated 11/24/58, and its two attachments may be located as exhibit IB110 of NY 100-89691.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62041)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16441)
 SUBJECT: SASH
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DATE: 12/12/58

ReNYairtel to Bureau and Chicago, 12/8/58.

Extreme caution should be exercised in disseminating the information contained herein inasmuch as, by its nature, said information tends to reflect the source to be NY 694-S, a valuable informant.

On 12/9/58 and 12/10/58, NY 694-S furnished to SAS [redacted] the following supplemental information regarding his trip to Toronto, Canada, between 12/3/58 and 12/7/58:

TIM BUCK

On first contact with TIM BUCK, head of the Canadian CP, NY 694-S delivered to BUCK, for transmittal to the Soviet Union, a characterization of PAUL NOVICK, prepared by the CP, USA, reflecting that although NOVICK was about to go to the Soviet Union with CP, USA, credentials, the CP, USA, desired

- 8 - Bureau (65-62041) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-428091) (SOLO)
 - (1 - 100-3-81) (CP, USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-3-76) (CP, USA, Youth)
 - (1 - 100-5) (PAUL NOVICK)
 - (1 - 100-21341) (TIM BUCK)
 - (1 - 100-3-) (CP, USA, Jewish Question)
- 2 - Chicago (65-3888) (SASH) (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - 134-46 Sub B) (Solo)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-134637 (SOLO) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-15140 (TIM BUCK) (33)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA, International Relations) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds) (415)
- 1 - NY 100- (CP, USA, Jewish Question) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-80644 (CP, USA, Youth) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-7918 (PAUL NOVICK) (411)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
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the Soviets to know that NOVICK had "strong nationalist tendencies" regarding the Jewish Question. BUCK said he would give the characterization document immediately to Canadian CP functionary JOHN BOYD, who would cable the information contained therein to the Soviets as soon as possible on that same evening. BUCK did not indicate how, or through whom, BOYD would send the cable.

BUCK was pleased to receive the characterization of NOVICK, stating it vindicated the Canadian CP's position regarding him. NOVICK, BUCK said, had informed JOE GERSHMAN, who is head of the Canadian CP Jewish Bureau, that he was going to the Soviet Union as a representative of the CP, USA, and that before going, he desired to go to Canada for a conference with JOE GERSHMAN and other Jewish leaders. NOVICK had indicated that he would like to act as representative of the Canadian CP in discussing the Jewish Question with the Soviets.

BUCK said that the Canadian CP did not permit NOVICK to confer with GERSHMAN, feeling that it did not want him, as an American, to act as a representative of the Canadian Party in a discussion of the Jewish Question with the Soviets. BUCK indicated, moreover, that the Canadian CP was not desirous of raising the Jewish Question again with the Soviets.

NY 694-S then inquired of BUCK concerning the meaning of a cryptic telephonic message he had received on 12/1/58, from ELIZABETH MASCOLO, who had called him from Toronto. The message, to be delivered "to whom it concerned", according to MASCOLO, was as follows: "It's been agreed that FLOYD can go to the same place that young Leon went to, or was at, on one condition - that he leave in next few days because the opening is on the sixth or the seventh." (Upon receipt of this message, NY 694-S received the impression that he was supposed to understand its significance, and to know to whom it should be delivered, and therefore did not question MASCOLO regarding the message. Having been unable to ascertain to whom in the CP, USA, it was to be delivered, he raised this question with BUCK on 12/3/58, two days after receiving the message.)

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BUCK, on whose instructions MASCOLO had delivered the message to NY 694-S, explained the message as follows:

"Floyd" in the message is FLOYD WILLISTON (PH), Canadian CP representative to what BUCK called the "World Socialist Youth" in Budapest. (NY 694-S believes that BUCK may not have correctly designated the organization he referred to.) "Young Leon" was a reference to LEON WOFSY whom BUCK, in the past, had known to be associated with the CP, USA, Youth Movement, and whose name was inserted in the message only to indicate that the message had reference to the Youth Movement.

The purpose of the message, according to BUCK, was to inform the CP, USA, that the Soviets had agreed to pay the expenses of a CP, USA, youth representative to Budapest and to Columbo, Ceylon.

BUCK apparently was unfamiliar with the details regarding the nature of activities in Budapest and Ceylon, and stated he knew only the following about the matter:

FLOYD WILLISTON was in the USA recently and spoke to "some young people" there. BUCK did not know to whom WILLISTON had spoken. WILLISTON told "the young people" to send "somebody" to Budapest for six months. This person was to go to Budapest first, then was to go to Columbo, Ceylon, where he was to arrive on or before December 7th, and then was to return to Budapest.

In discussing this matter, "the young people" in the USA raised the question of payment of expenses for the trip. FLOYD WILLISTON had told them that they would be reimbursed for expenses when the American representative arrived "on the other side."

Upon returning to Toronto, WILLISTON reported to BUCK the "money problem" involved in this matter. BUCK immediately sent a cable to "the other side", and in three days

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received a reply, "guaranteeing and OK'ing the fare." The reply contained the provision that the American representative arrive in Columbo "on opening day, December 7th."

NY 694-S inquired how the American representative would obtain a visa for travel to Budapest.

BUCK replied, "That's simple. Go to London. Either contact JOHN WILLIAMSON, who will arrange for 'a floating visa', or go directly to the Hungarian Embassy or Consulate, and there ask for Julius Nyerki, a former Canadian now one of the attaches. It's never a problem for him to get a visa."

NY 694-S then inquired whether, in view of the time element involved with regard to Columbo, Ceylon, BUCK thought the CP, USA, should send a representative abroad. BUCK replied "Tell him to go anyway." (Upon his return to New York, NY 694-S, through CG 5824-S, who was then in New York, referred this matter to EUGENE DENNIS. The latter professed to know nothing about the matter. The informant currently is attempting to ascertain to whom in the CP, USA, this matter is of interest.)

On a subsequent meeting with BUCK, the latter made the following supplemental remarks regarding a financial matter referred to in referenced airtel as pertinent to the case entitled, "SOLO; IS-C":

According to BUCK, in talking to a representative of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, he pointed out that the CP, USA, now is in a very precarious financial situation owing to commitments made by reason of anticipating receipt of a large sum of money. BUCK stated that as a result of the Soviet's experience in the GOUZENKO case, transactions such as he was discussing with NY 694-S are handled by the Soviets "with strict security." In this regard, BUCK mentioned that he had never been inside the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa. BUCK said that only one person in the Embassy - the ambassador - knew all the facts of such transactions, such as how much money was involved, and to whom it ultimately was to be paid. He also noted that he is personally acquainted with the newly appointed Soviet ambassador to Canada.

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NY 694-S briefed BUCK concerning a recent NEC meeting in New York, and concerning CP, USA, functionaries who had obtained passports for travel abroad. BUCK stated that three Canadian CP delegates would attend the January Congress in Moscow, of whom he would be one. He said that as yet he did not know who the other two delegates would be. He also indicated that he would leave Canada for the said Congress on 1/20/59.

JOE GERSHMAN

NY 694-S contacted JOE GERSHMAN, head of the Canadian CP Jewish Bureau and editor of the Canadian CP Jewish paper, "Wochenblatt." GERSHMAN was anxious to ascertain from NY 694-S why PAUL NOVICK had not been permitted to go to Canada to confer with him regarding his proposed trip to the Soviet Union. The informant realized that GERSHMAN was "fishing", and decided it would be wise to pretend not to know anything about this matter. He told GERSHMAN his call was purely social in nature, and that he had come to Toronto primarily for personal business reasons.

GERSHMAN said he was very angry about the NOVICK matter. He reported the following:

A week before, NOVICK sent him a letter, in Yiddish, stating he was going to Moscow, where he would discuss the Jewish Question. NOVICK felt he should represent, and speak for, the Canadian CP as well as for the CP, USA. GERSHMAN told BILL KASHTON (member of Canadian CP secretariat in charge of trade union work) about this letter, and suggested that NOVICK come to Canada, to discuss his proposed trip with GERSHMAN and other CP functionaries. KASHTON agreed, and consequently GERSHMAN invited NOVICK to Toronto to confer with Jewish Bureau functionaries. A special meeting of the Jewish Bureau was arranged. Subsequently, MISCHA COHEN, member of the National Committee of the Jewish Bureau, informed GERSHMAN that the leadership had changed its mind, deciding that NOVICK should not come to Toronto.

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GERSHMAN as a result had to advise NOVICH not to come to Toronto, and cancelled the meeting of the Jewish Bureau. This episode has convinced GERSHMAN that the Canadian CP leadership refuses to deal honestly with the Jewish Question; that the Russians "are calling the shots"; and that the Canadian CP leadership "has no guts."

GERSHMAN felt that the CP, USA, "had a hell of a nerve" to be "in cahoots" with TIM BUCK and others in preventing NOVICK from coming to Canada, and in determining who should, or should not, represent the Jews.

GERSHMAN said he would like to know the identity of "the guy in New York who perpetrated this conspiracy." He would never accept the idea that NOVICK should not be permitted to represent the American and Canadian Parties in a discussion of the Jewish Question in Moscow. NOVICK, he said, was a charter member of the CP, and a most trusted and capable comrade.

GERSHMAN said he was "disgusted and heartbroken by this terrible situation." He said the Soviets had further insulted Jews by publishing in all languages but Yiddish the books of the great Jewish author Sholem Alechem (PH).

Because of the stupidity of the Canadian CP leadership, it is strengthening the position of [redacted] and SAM LIPSHITZ, who now have more influence in the United Jewish Peoples' Order than when they quit the Party. There is now in the UJPO a struggle which, in effect, is a revolt against the Party. The unpopularity of the Party in the UJPO is difficult to describe. There is extensive hatred of the Soviet Union in the UJPO.

GERSHMAN said [redacted] had approached a leading official in the garment workers' union in Canada, offering assistance in combating the CP and the Soviet Union. This was brought to the attention of DAVID DUBINSKY, head of the ILGWU, who said, "Tell Salzberg that I fought Communism and the Soviet Union long before he did, and that we need no one like him."

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GERSHMAN stated he had received a letter from SMOLIN (PH), editor of the Warsaw newspaper, "Folkstimme". SMOLIN advised GERSHMAN that henceforth it would be wise to discuss in advance with Party leaders Jewish problems intended for publication. GERSHMAN said he disagreed with SMOLIN, and would not accept the latter's advice.

TIM BUCK

Following his interview with GERSHMAN, NY 694-S contacted TIM BUCK, and informed the latter concerning the informant's discussion with GERSHMAN. BUCK was glad to receive this information about GERSHMAN. He said GERSHMAN had been in New York two weeks before, had contacted NOVICK, but had not reported to BUCK the nature of his discussion with NOVICK.

BUCK said the Party was very unhappy about GERSHMAN, and that "all this will lead to no good." He indicated that GERSHMAN was involved also in "some fast real estate operations with non-Party people", and that the Party was concerned because "the city has threatened him." BUCK mentioned that the operation of "slums" was involved in the aforesaid real estate transactions.

NORMAN FREED

NY 694-S contacted NORMAN FREED, member of the Canadian CP National Committee, and also member of the Jewish Bureau. FREED, according to TIM BUCK, is to replace DYSON CARTER as editor of "Northern Neighbors", official organ of the Canadian Soviet Friendship Council. CARTER, BUCK had stated, has asked for leave of absence to write a book.

FREED stated the Canadian CP's greatest problem is the Jewish Question. Toronto and Montreal are the areas most affected by this problem. It is not of much concern in the West, where there are few Jews.

FREED was of the opinion that an exact registration of Party members in Montreal would reflect that there are no

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more than 200 CP members there. A recent survey of Party membership in Toronto, based upon the sale of assessment stamps, reflected there were 720 CP members there. At one time there were 2500 CP members in Toronto, and 800 in Montreal.

Despite these set-backs, the CP in these cities is doing a good job. In Sudbury, the CP is active in the International Nickel Co. strike, doing relief work among strikers, and assisting on the picket lines.

The Party is making considerable progress among Italian immigrants, particularly among those who are construction workers. Plans are being made to publish an Italian newspaper, but as yet an editor is not available. The possibility is that an editor may be brought from Italy.

SAM CARR

NY 694-S contacted SAM CARR, who indicated that his only current activity is in the United Jewish Peoples' Order. According to CARR, he is GERSHMAN's adviser with respect to combating anti-Party groups in the UJPO who are stirring up anti-Party and anti-Soviet feeling. A leader of the anti-Party and anti-Soviet group is MORRIS BIEDERMAN, president of the UJPO and former CP member. Other anti-Party leaders in the UJPO are [redacted] and SAM LIPSHITZ.

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According to CARR, before the 20th Congress of the CPSU, a minimum of 400 Jewish CP members would attend Jewish-group meetings. At a recent meeting only 50 attended. CARR attributed current antipathy to the Party to "the dogmatic and bureaucratic manner" in which the Canadian CP is handling the Jewish Question.

JACK COWAN

NY 694-S contacted JACK COWAN, who currently is a sort of unofficial member of the CP Finance Committee. COWAN had nothing particularly pertinent to say except that TIM BUCK

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is disliked by the Jewish CP members by reason of his attitude toward the Jewish Question. COWAN emphasized that the talk of dissension regarding the Jewish Question should not be construed to mean that there is friction between top CP leaders on this issue. The friction exists between the said leadership and the CP Jewish membership. CP leaders, he said, do not regard the Jewish Question as a fight but rather as an unfortunate incident.

NY 694-S returned to NYC on 12/7/58.

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 12/9/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SAS [] that he had determined during the past week that JAMES JACKSON would be departing for Chicago on 12/12/58, for a visit of approximately a weeks duration. Informant stated that while in Chicago, Jackson would reside at the residence of MORRIS CHILDS.

Informant stated that he had also determined during the past week that CHARLES LOMAN had received a passport.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62041)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16441)

SUBJECT: SASH
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DATE: 12/18/58

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On 12/15/58, NY 694-S* furnished SA [] the following information obtained from TIM BUCK during the informant's trip to Toronto between 12/3/58 and 12/7/58. NY 694-S* inadvertently had failed to report this information previously.

Referring to CP business enterprises, TIM BUCK expressed the opinion that the Chinese would not do business with any Canadian or American business group known to be sponsored by the CP or sympathetic to the CP. BUCK said that a Winnipeg syndicate composed of individuals sympathetic to the CP, and interested in doing business with the Chinese, complained to

- 10 - Bureau (65-62041) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-364447) (VIRGINIUS FRANK COE)
 - (1 - 100-) (CHAO TING CHI)
 - (1 - 100-3-76) (CP, USA, Youth Matters)
 - (1 - 100-21341) (TIM BUCK)
 - (1 - 100-) (World Federation of Democratic Youth)
 - (1 - 100-) (The World Federation of Youth and Students, Vienna, Austria, 1959)
 - (1 - 100-) (Women's International Democratic Federation) (Encl. 1)
 - (1 - 100-3-81) (CP, USA, International Relations)
- 2 - Chicago (65-3888) (SASH) (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - 134-46) (CG 5824-S)
 - ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-15140 (TIM BUCK) (33)
 - 1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA, International Relations) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-80644 (CP, USA, Youth Matters) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-51259 (World Federation of Democratic Youth) (411)
 - 1 - NY 100-134505 (The World Federation of Youth and Students, Vienna, Austria, 1959) (411)
 - 1 - NY 100-80444 (Women's International Democratic Federation) (Att. 1) (411)
 - 1 - NY 100-96778 (VIRGINIUS FRANK COE) (33)
 - 1 - NY 100- (CHAO TING CHI) (33)
 - 1 - NY 100- ("MARVIN" LNU, CP, USA, youth delegate to World Youth Federation in Budapest) (412) 134-91-1850
 - 1 - NY 65-16441 (33)

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LESLIE MORRIS, Canadian CP functionary, that they had been unable to negotiate with the Chinese. When MORRIS reported this fact to BUCK and to the Canadian CP Secretariat, BUCK decided to ascertain from an authoritative Chinese source why the Chinese were reluctant to do business with the Winnipeg syndicate. Contact with this source was made through JACK ROTH (PH), described by BUCK as "a Toronto businessman."

According to BUCK, he received the following message from the Chinese: "Tell Comrade Buck we cannot - and will not - become involved because of political sympathies." BUCK interpreted this message to mean that the Chinese would not do business with CP sponsored businesses, or businesses conducted by known CP sympathizers.

In reply to a question from the informant regarding how authoritative the Chinese spokesman might have been, BUCK said, "It was Coe's friend." (The informant infers that the Chinese authority is CHAO TING CHI, mentioned in the case entitled, "VIRGINIUS FRANK COE; IS-R", (Bufile 100-364447) as negotiating with an American-Canadian trade group in an enterprise referred to as the "China Trade Operation."

BUCK said that to his knowledge the only successful CP sponsored business in Canada is that which "sends food parcels and gifts to Ukrainians on the other side." In this business, BUCK said, the profits are "fabulous." BUCK stated this business is "watched carefully by the RCMP, and even the FBI has investigated its books."

When NY 694-S* expressed incredulity that the FBI would be permitted to enter Canada for such a purpose, BUCK said, "We know definitely that they did. They came in as tax experts."

It will be noted that on pages 2, 3, and 4 of referenced NY letter of 12/12/58, reference is made to the Soviets having guaranteed travel expenses of a CP, USA, Youth delegate to Budapest and Columbo, Ceylon, and to NY 694-S' efforts to ascertain the details of this matter. The informant has advised that in a conference with ROBERT THOMPSON, CP, USA, Executive Secretary, he asked the latter whether THOMPSON was familiar with this matter.

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THOMPSON said he was aware that [redacted] had come to NY from Canada for discussions with the "Vienna Festival Committee", and that a Youth delegate had already left for Budapest and Columbo, Ceylon. He identified the said delegate as "MARVIN, a student at N.Y.U., who had had a good chance of becoming president of his club."

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After NY 694-S* acquainted THOMPSON with the facts of the situation as known to him, and reported in referenced NY letter of 12/12/58, THOMPSON said he had not known of the Soviets' financial arrangements for "MARVIN's" trip abroad. As far as he knew, funds for "MARVIN's" trip had been obtained from other sources, concerning which THOMPSON knew no details.

In reply to the informant's inquiry why "MARVIN" had gone to Budapest and Columbo, Ceylon, THOMPSON said that Budapest is headquarters of the "World Youth Federation" which is arranging the "Youth Festival" in Vienna, and that in connection therewith a conference was held in Columbo, Ceylon, on December 6 and 7, 1958.

NY 694-S* furnished the NYO with a document given to him by TIM BUCK entitled, "Report On The Fourth Congress of the Women's International Democratic Federation, Vienna, Austria - June 1 to June 5, 1958 - by Mrs. Hilda Murray, President of the Congress of Canadian Women, Delegate of the CCW to the Vienna Congress." The said document is being transmitted herewith to the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-2115)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-21421)
SUBJECT: ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG
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NY 694-S* advised SA [redacted] on 12/19/58, that on the said date ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG telephonically instructed the informant to contact MORRIS CHILDS in Chicago, and to request CHILDS to be in NYC on Monday, 12/22/58, regarding an urgent matter.

NY 694-S* transmitted to CHILDS the request of TRACHTENBERG.

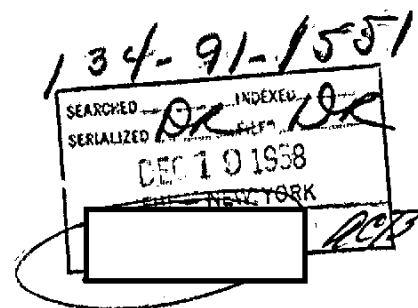
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3 - BUREAU (61-2115) (RM)
2 - CHICAGO (100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS) (Info) (RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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NY 694-S* advised SA [redacted] on 12/15/58, that in a meeting on Friday evening, 12/12/58, with ROBERT THOMPSON, CP, USA, Executive Secretary, the latter furnished the following information:

THOMPSON anticipates returning to jail within two weeks to complete his sentence, his recent appeal having been denied. In this event, THOMPSON's duties, which include the functions of Executive Secretary and Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA, will be divided between two individuals. Upon termination of GUS HALL's parole period in April, 1959, the latter

- 6 - BUREAU (100-3-69)(RM)
 (1 - 100-52444)(ROBERT THOMPSON)
 (1 - 100- [redacted])
 (1 - 100- [redacted])(GUS HALL)
2 - BUFFALO (100- [redacted])(CP, USA, Organization)(Info)(RM)
 (1 - 100-11933) [redacted]
2 - CHICAGO (134-46)(CG 5824-S)(Info)(RM)
 (1 - 100-33741)(CP, USA, Organization)
1 - CLEVELAND (100- [redacted])(GUS HALL)(Info)(RM)
1 - NY 134-91 (Inv)(415)
1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds)(415)
1 - NY 100-27452 (ROBERT THOMPSON)(415)
1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)(415)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(422)
1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)(415)
1 - NY 100-8529 (MARY KAUFMAN)(424)
1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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will assume THOMPSON's post of Executive Secretary. It has been agreed that the person best qualified to assume THOMPSON's duties as Organizational Secretary and National Office Administrator is "Milt" (Probably MILTON ROSEN) "a live-wire Buffalo functionary."

With reference to "MILT", THOMPSON said it was "good to bring in a young person, with new blood and enthusiasm, since PHIL BART is too old in thinking and enthusiasm."

NY 694-S* received the impression from THOMPSON that the appointment of HALL is assured, having been agreed upon unanimously by top CP functionaries, and that the appointment of "MILT" may still be controversial, DENNIS possibly favoring the appointment of PHIL BART as Organizational Secretary.

THOMPSON told NY 694-S* that until such time as HALL assumes the Executive Secretaryship, the informant should contact EUGENE DENNIS regarding matters of mutual interest to THOMPSON and NY 694-S*. Such matters, THOMPSON instructed, should not be discussed with "MILT."

NY 694-S* stated that undoubtedly, in this connection, THOMPSON had in mind money which he had given to the informant to hold for him as a depository, said money having no relation to the CP, USA, Reserve Fund. THOMPSON originally had deposited with the informant about \$12,000.00, \$5900.00 of which has been returned to him.

THOMPSON requested that NY 694-S* "take care of" MARY KAUFMAN, THOMPSON's attorney, and to assist her in every way possible should she decide to go abroad. NY 694-S* promised to do so provided EUGENE DENNIS approve whatever the informant might suggest in that regard.

THOMPSON also requested that NY 694-S* "keep an eye on" his daughter and provide her with any extra funds she might need, particularly her tuition. He said he would arrange a meeting between his daughter and the informant in the immediate future.

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THOMPSON said that, judging from the recent NC meeting, he considered there is unity in the Party, and that everything would "work out well" if DENNIS would go out of his way "to get along with" BEN DAVIS, JR. THOMPSON said that he himself had gone out of his way "to get along with" DENNIS and JAMES JACKSON.

THOMPSON expressed the opinion that the time will soon be opportune to move the CP National Office to Chicago. He commented, "We don't talk about it openly."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47736)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-16785)
SUBJECT: JAMES JACKSON
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On 12/19/58, NY 694-S* advised SA [REDACTED] that on said date he had conferred with JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA, Secretary in charge of Southern and Negro Affairs, who told him the following:

- 4 - BUREAU (100-47736) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-3-81) (CP, USA, International Relations)
- 4 - CHICAGO (100-2743) [REDACTED] (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-14652) (JAMES KELLER)
 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1 - 134-46)
- 1 - CLEVELAND (65-721) (ANTON KRCHMAREK) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - SAN FRANCISCO (100-26076) (AL LANNON) (Info) (RM)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-6622 (ANDY ONDA) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-99369 (ALAN LAWES) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-52959 [REDACTED] (422)
- 1 - NY 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C43 (Kings County CP) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA, Factionalism) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA, International Relations) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-16785 (415)

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After conferring with EUGENE DENNIS, JACKSON has decided to go abroad on or about 1/9/59. He and DENNIS believe he should go as soon as possible since the Eastland Committee may recall him, or prevent his going abroad.

JACKSON asked DENNIS whether MORRIS CHILDS would be going to Moscow, and DENNIS replied, "Don't worry about it - I've taken care of it."

ELIZABETH FLYNN will go to Moscow, but she does not want to leave before January 21st. JACKSON said "It looks as if KRCHMAREK has been chosen as well."

JACKSON expects to be abroad for about two months, and is making efforts to go abroad as a correspondent for a Negro publication. In any event, he will go as "a writer."

JACKSON desires the assistance of NY 694-S "in packing, shopping, and seeing me off." He also desires the informant to handle some personal problems in his absence.

A serious problem has arisen at the National Office. [redacted] has left for Moscow without the Party's permission. He had indicated an intention to go, and had stated that he discussed going with both WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. Both FOSTER and DAVIS deny having discussed this matter with [redacted]

According to BEN DAVIS, [redacted] contacted DAVIS telephonically on 12/11/58, stating that he would be leaving "one of these days." DAVIS proposed that he and [redacted] discuss the matter on 12/15/58, and [redacted] agreed to do so. DAVIS, however, heard nothing further from [redacted]

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BEN DAVIS and BILL ALBERTSON are indignant about [redacted] action. Before he left, [redacted] placed ANDY ONDA and ALAN LAWES in charge of the Brooklyn CP (Kings County CP). To offset the influence of ONDA and LAWES, DAVIS and ALBERTSON have placed themselves on the "Brooklyn Committee."

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JACKSON and DENNIS are of the opinion that [] left with FOSTER's "blessing", and with a letter from FOSTER to the Soviets in his pocket. They also believe that [] has gone to Moscow as representative of "the remaining left-wingers like AL LANNON and JIM KELLER."

DENNIS will notify the Soviets that [] is not an official representative of the CP, USA. They are nevertheless worried about this situation because [] is a resourceful individual who can "break down doors." JACKSON does not relish being in Moscow while [] is there.

Before he left, [] had been asked how he intended to finance his trip abroad. He indicated that some relative would pay his expenses.

BEN DAVIS has been trying to talk to [] wife, but the latter "has cursed him and abused him."

JACKSON has talked to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER during the past few days. FOSTER was polite, and said that although "things are somewhat better in leadership", the said leadership is not working sufficiently hard on major issues such as trade union, Negro, legislative, and youth problems. JACKSON indicated he was not pleased with his interview with FOSTER. He commented, "He (FOSTER) is still telling us what to do and how to do it."

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Referring to the [] in Chicago, JACKSON said, "It may not be serious trouble, but from the public relations standpoint, it isn't good." JACKSON said he had first learned of the [] when he was operating in the CP underground. He said it had made him "sick." He now wonders whether it might not have been advisable for [] to "face the issue" at that time.

During the next week or two, JACKSON will have to consider the various problems that he may have to contend with "on the other side."

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80633)

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SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

CP, USA - EDUCATION
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On 12/15/58, NY 694-S* provided SA [redacted] with a copy of a mimeographed letter dated 12/12/58, addressed to "Dear Comrade" and signed by HY LUMER. This letter covered what is described as a draft of a teachers guide on dialectical materialism planned for use as a basis for a more extended and finished set of outlines. Comments and suggestions with regard to it were sought.

The accompanying guide is mimeographed and provides for a six-session course with basic student texts, teacher references, suggestions for teachers, and topics for each session.

The original material is retained as 100-80633-1B1291.

A photostat copy is attached to the copy of this memo designated for captioned file.

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- 1- New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-81752) (CP USA - BRIEF) (411)
- 1- New York (134-91) (INVEST) (415)
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On 11/25/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [] a two-page mimeographed document entitled "Immediate Tasks in Preparation for the Opening of the 86th Congress." This document is dated 11/19/58, and is in the form of a letter which is signed by JIM JACKSON, Secretary for Negro and Southern Affairs. The document sets out that it is "for immediate action" and is directed to "All District Organizers" and "All Section Organizers".

NY 694-S* advised that informant received the document on the same date from ~~GENE~~ SMITH, office worker at CP National Headquarters. ~~JAN~~

The original document described above may be located as exhibit 1B1290 of NY 100-80633.

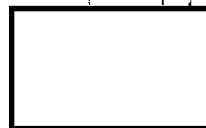
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- 1 - NY (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
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On 11/25/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), made available to SA [] a six-page mimeographed document dated 11/24/58, and directed "To all Members of the National Committee". On the first page of this document there appears a brief letter from E. DENNIS, which describes the contents of the document as a summary of the report made to the NEC on November 18th on the results of the November 4th elections.

The rest of the document is entitled "Summary of Report of EUGENE DENNIS to NEC Meeting November 18, 1958."

The above-described document may be located as exhibit 1B173 of NY 100-79717.

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- 1 - NY (100-79717) (415)

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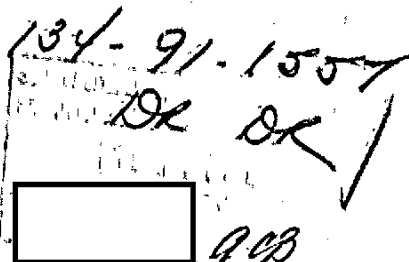
Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect identity of informant.

On 12/10/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SAS [] that it was informant's knowledge that ISADORE WOFSY was currently being paid a salary by the New Century Publishers. Informant stated that WOFSY, who had been previously paid a salary by Prompt Press, had advised the informant that he would leave Prompt Press, and in the future his salary would be paid by New Century Publishers.

- ① - NY 134-91 (INV)(415)
1 - NY 100-10989 (NEW CENTURY PUBLISHERS)(411)
1 - NY 100-19679 (415)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information to protect identity of informant.

On 12/10/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SAS [] that the informant had determined from ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG in the previous week that TRACHTENBERG had fired MORRIS WECHSLER from his position as operator of the Jefferson Book Store. TRACHTENBERG further advised the informant in regard to WECHSLER that "the guy had the guts to ask for severance pay."

NY 694-S* described TRACHTENBERG as the individual who is currently in charge of the over-all handling of literature and publications for the CP, USA.

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- 2 - NY 134-91 (INV)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-84280 (JEFFERSON BOOK SHOP)(411)
- 1 - NY 100-18141 (MORRIS WECHSLER)(425)
- 1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-81675 (415)

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-36733)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-102466)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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NY 694-S* advised SA [REDACTED] on 12/17/58 that on said date he conferred with JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA, Secretary in Charge of Southern and Negro Affairs.

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Regarding the "Chicago Tribune" expose of [REDACTED] Chicago CP functionary, JACKSON indicated that he had not had an opportunity to discuss this matter with other top CP functionaries. He said he had seen the "Chicago Tribune" story in a news clipping which [REDACTED] had sent to "The Worker."

5 - Bureau (100-36733) (RM)
(1 - 100-3-69) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
(1 - 100-3-81) (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
3 - Chicago (100-2748) (RM)
(1 - 100-) (MORRIS CHILDS) (INFO)
(1 - 134-46) (CG 5824-S*) (INFO)
1 - St. Louis (100-) (WILLIAM SENTNER) (INFO) (RM)
2 - Cleveland (100-) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (RM)
(1 - 100-) (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
(INV) (415)
① - NY 134-91 ("THE WORKER") (415)
1 - NY 97-169 (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-27452 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1 - NY 100-8057 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-16785 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (415)
1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (415)
1 - NY 100-86624 (412)
1 - NY 100-102466 (412)

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According to JACKSON, [] has mailed to "The Worker" a statement regarding this matter, which statement will appear in the next edition of "The Worker." In the statement, he denies the "Chicago Tribune" reporter's version of his interview with []. JACKSON did not specify what items in the news story would be denied by [].

Purely as his personal opinion, JACKSON said the news story is attributable to "a stool pigeon." He believed that "some one of the guys on the right--if he knew the facts--may have disclosed them." He mentioned that if BILL SENTNER had known the facts, he might have been responsible for the disclosure to the newspaper. (It is noted that on 12/12/58 NY 2010-S* reported that SENTNER had died on that date.)

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JACKSON then discussed the following matter:

On 12/16/58, an NEC meeting was held at CP, USA headquarters. At this meeting, there was to be a final determination concerning who should represent the CP, USA at the 21st Congress of the CPSU in Moscow in January, 1959. By reason of personal business, JACKSON had to leave before the meeting actually began. Immediately before the meeting, JACKSON ascertained that BOB THOMPSON intended to introduce the name of ANTON KRCHMAREK, Cleveland CP functionary, as an additional proposed delegate to the 21st Congress. Not knowing whether THOMPSON's proposal of KRCHMAREK might adversely affect the appointment of Chicago functionary MORRIS CHILDS as a delegate, JACKSON raised this question with EUGENE DENNIS. DENNIS said, "No, I can handle that." JACKSON did not know how the NEC voted regarding this matter.

The information reported above, by its nature, tends to reflect the source to be NY 694-S*, a valuable informant. Caution should be exercised with respect to dissemination of this information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47736)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-16785)
SUBJECT: JAMES JACKSON
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NY 694-S* advised SA [redacted] on 12/17/58, that in a meeting with JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA, Secretary in charge of Southern Affairs, on the aforesaid date, JACKSON discussed his recent appearance before the Eastland Committee.

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JACKSON said that the Eastland Committee counsel, whom he mentioned as "MULLOY (PH) MILLER, or some such name", was "a former Party big shot."

He said he, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, WILLIAM PATTERSON and JOHN ABT "did a good job" before the Committee. The Committee "threw at TRACHTENBERG the old business of his being a Soviet agent." JACKSON and the others charged the Committee with being illegal in that it lacked a quorum. They were "overruled" by the Committee.

JACKSON and the others feel certain that they will not be called again before the Eastland Committee. They feel that they have discredited the Committee as a result of their having quoted a public statement of Senator EASTLAND, "opposing" the 14th Amendment.

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- 3 - BUREAU (100-47736) (RM)
- ① - NY 134-91 (Inv) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-54965 (JOHN ABT) (411)
- 1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (411)
- 1 - NY 100-16785 (415)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)

CP, USA, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, IS DASH C. UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFO TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF INFORMANT. NY 694-S* IN CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION WITH JAMES JACKSON TODAY WAS TOLD THAT EUGENE DENNIS ON DEC. NINE TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD WANT JAMES JACKSON, CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ASTERISK AND PROBABLY ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN TO BE THE OFFICIAL CP, USA DELEGATION TO TWENTYFIRST CONFERENCE CP, USSR SCHEDULED FOR LATTER PART OF JANUARY, FIFTYNINE. JACKSON FURTHER SAID THAT DENNIS WILL SPEAK PERSONALLY TO SOME MEMBERS OF RESIDENT BOARD PRIOR TO NEXT TUESDAY BOARD MEETING TO ASSURE OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DELEGATION. DENNIS INDICATED TO JACKSON THAT IRVING POTASH WILL NOT OPPOSE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ASTERISK AND BELIEVES HE WILL WIN BOB THOMPSON OVER. JACKSON INDICATED DELEGATION WOULD DEPART U.S. ON OR ABOUT JAN. TEN, FIFTYNINE.

2 - NY 134-91 (INV) (415)
1 - NY 100-80641 {CP, USA - ORGANIZATION} (415)
1 - NY 100-86624 (415)

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1 - SUP. JOHN KEARNEY (415)

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JACKSON ADVISED NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ASTERISK THE CP FEELS THE SUBPOENA OF CP LEADERSHIP WHO HAVE PASSPORTS WAS PLAN OF EASTLAND COMMITTEE TO GO INTO ACTION TO PREPARE GROUND WORK FOR LEGISLATION RESTRICTING TRAVEL OF CP ~~ATTORNEYS~~^{OFFICIALS}. CP ATTORNEYS BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UNABLE TO PREVENT TRAVEL OF CP OFFICIALS. JACKSON STATED CP WILL TRY TO MAKE SUBPOENAS AND COMMITTEE APPEARANCE A BROAD CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE. SUBPOENAED LEADERS WILL PLEAD CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BEFORE COMMITTEE AND ATTEMPT TO QUOTE AVOID CITATION UNQUOTE. JACKSON STATED IT IS HIS INTENTION TO BE IN CHICAGO DEC. TWELVE, THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN AND HE WILL RETURN IN TIME TO ANSWER SUBPOENA IN WASHINGTON ON DEC. FIFTEEN. FOR INFORMATION.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80640)

12/22/58

SA JOSEPH V. WATERS (415)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - NEGRO QUESTION
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On 12/12/58, NY 694-S* furnished SA [redacted] with copies of the following documents, these having been obtained by the informant, from JAMES E. JACKSON on 12/10/58:

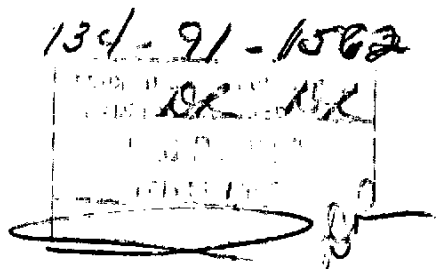
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1. Resolution on Theoretical Aspects of the Negro Question in the United States.
2. The Class Forces in the Negro People's Movement, by JAMES E. JACKSON.
3. Program in regard to "Black Belt, by JAMES E. JACKSON.

The above are retained as 100-80640-1B311, 312, and 313, in above order.

- ① - New York (134-91) (Inves.) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-80640) (415)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-397666)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-6061)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL SPERBER, was.
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NY 694-S* advised on 12/16/58, that he met with the subject at the 42nd St. Cafeteria, 114 W. 42nd St., NYC, for about 45 minutes starting at 5:00 P.M. on 12/15/58.

- 7 - Bureau (100-397666) (RM)
 - (1- 100-408565 (J. SPERBER)
 - (1- 100-348330) (J. KATZ-SUCHY)
 - (1- 100-362128) (V. PERLO)
 - (1- 100-87638) (SAM BROWN)
- 1 - NY (100-102429) (J. SPERBER) (#33)
- 1 - NY (100-86601) (J. KATZ-SUCHY) (#351)
- 1 - NY (100-94653) (V. PERLO) (#33)
- 1 - NY (100-21785) (SAM BROWN) (#33)
- 1 - NY (134-91- P & C) (INVES.) (#415)
- 1 - NY (105-6061)

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SPERBER informed NY 694-S* that his wife JULIA was presently in New Delhi, India, staying at the residence of JULIUSZ KATZ-SUCHY, Polish Ambassador to India. SPERBER said his wife had written him several letters indicating she was living in luxurious circumstances at KATZ-SUCHY's place. SPERBER related that his wife had first gone to Copenhagen where she had to wait 3 days for a Soviet jet airliner to take her to Moscow. Meanwhile she spent 3 days sightseeing in Copenhagen at the expense of Scandinavian Airlines. On arriving in Moscow, SPERBER recounted, that his wife was met by a representative of the Polish Embassy there. He said his wife stayed for a few days in Moscow and had written to him enthusiastically about what she had seen there. SPERBER said his wife flew to New Delhi from Moscow via Sverdlovsk (ph) and Tashkent. JULIUSZ KATZ-SUCHY was out of town upon JULIA SPERBER's arrival in New Delhi, but came back immediately after learning of her arrival. SPERBER reported that his wife informed him KATZ-SUCHY is acquiring a reputation in the Polish Government as a Far East expert and that his standing in the CP of Poland is far better than it was a year ago in her opinion.

NY 694-S* in light manner suggested that SPERBER may have made a mistake in not accompanying his wife to New Delhi in view of the comforts there and a chance for a second honeymoon.

SPERBER replied, "Look, need I explain to you again that I just can't leave here until 1960. I'm not a private citizen."

NY 694-S* concluded from this that SPERBER is under orders forbidding travel abroad at the present time.

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SPERBER indicated that he was out of work temporarily. NY 694-S* offered to lend him money, but SPERBER said he didn't need it and that everything was OK financially.

NY 694-S* and SPERBER then discussed the CP situation, particularly about various CP functionaries who are going abroad. SPERBER wondered whether VICTOR PERLO had obtained a passport and guessed that he had. SPERBER said PERLO is anxious to go abroad since he received an invitation to lecture at Moscow University. SPERBER believed PERLO would take his family to Moscow for an indefinite stay while he recoups his fortunes. SPERBER continued that PERLO, however, would not remain in Moscow permanently because he did not want to lose his US citizenship.

NY 694-S* inquired how SPERBER was "killing time" while not employed. SPERBER replied, "Don't worry about me. I'm very busy and I will be for several weeks." NY 694-S* said he could not determine whether there was any clandestine significance to this remark.

SPERBER then mentioned that he had visited SAM BROWN at the latter's new office for which BROWN had paid 6 months rent in advance. SPERBER mentioned that "Brown is always doing something for the Russians." SPERBER did not elaborate further.

NY 694-S* agreed to meet with SPERBER again at the same time and place on 1/5/59. If they should miss each other, it was agreed they would meet same time and place one week later.

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Extreme caution should be used in the handling or dissemination of the above information provided by NY 694-S* since by its nature it would tend to identify the informant.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-9365)

12/23/58

SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
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On 12/12/58, NY 694-S* furnished SA [redacted] a copy of a mimeographed memorandum entitled: "Political Work in the Two Old Parties" by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, and addressed to the National Committee.

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The copy furnished by the informant is retained as an attachment to the copy of this memo designated for captioned file. A photostat copy is attached to the copy of the memo designated for 100-79717.

- 1- New York (100-79717) (CP, USA-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (415)
- 1- New York (134-91) (INVS) (415)
- 1- New York (100-9365)

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DATE: 12/23/58

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Via AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS
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Utmost caution must be exercised in handling and reporting the information herein to protect the identity of the informant.

NY 694-S on 12/23/58, advised SA [REDACTED] that on said date ELIZABETH MASCOLO, "girl friend" of TIM BUCK, acting as courier from BUCK, delivered to the informant at his office for transmittal to EUGENE DENNIS \$25,000.00 in fifty dollar bills. This sum is "money from abroad", to the Soviet ambassador in Ottawa, for transmittal to DENNIS.

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- 6 - Bureau (100-3-63)
 - (1-65-62041) (Sash)
 - (1-100-3-81) (CP, USA - International Relations)
 - (1-100-21341) (TIM BUCK)
- 2 - Chicago (100-) (MORRIS CHILDS) (Info) (RM)
 - (1-134-46) (CG 5824-S)
- 1 - New York (100-86624) (CP, USA - International Relations)
- 1 - New York (100-57446) (ELIZABETH MASCOLO) (33)
- 1 - New York (100-15140) (TIM BUCK) (33)
- 1 - New York (65-16441) (Sash) (33)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - New York (134-91) (Inv.) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-74560)

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On 12/23/58, NY 694-S delivered this money to SAS [redacted] and [redacted]. The money was in five packs of \$50 bills. The informant requested, as is the CP routine, that this money be "laundered" (exchanged for other currency to avoid tracing) and returned to him in \$20.00 bills. The NYO is currently reviewing the serial numbers of this money and will check these numbers against the known currency issued to the Soviet establishments in Washington, D.C., and NYC. The Bureau will be advised of any positive results.

MASCOLO informed NY 694-S that BUCK had been advised by the Soviets that MORRIS CHILDS, Chicago CP Functionary, is expected to go to Moscow. The Soviets, according to BUCK, want to know CHILDS' "book number" (passport number) (NY 694-S states that the Soviets probably want the passport number so that they may expedite the preparation of "floating visas" which CHILDS may require.)

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The Soviets, according to BUCK, want to know the identity of some one known as either [redacted] or [redacted]

BUCK also relayed through MASCOLO that the Soviets want two translators from Russian to English also referred to as "stylists" by BUCK, to go to Moscow for a minimum

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of two years to work on the "New Lenin Collected Works".

Also, according to BUCK, "Budapest" has requested that it be furnished with a book explaining how capitalist corporations evade taxation and influence the structure of tax laws.

MASCOLO will visit her son in NYC until Friday, December 26th, and then return to Toronto.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128861)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, FUNDS (RESERVE FUND)
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DATE: 12/24/58

ReNYairtels, 11/28/58 and 12/10/58.

NY 694-S*, on 12/17/58, advised SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as follows:

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On 12/17/58, ISADORE WOFSY told JACK CHILDS, member of the CP, USA, Finance Committee, of which WOFSY is chairman, that the finance committee meeting scheduled for 12/17/58, would have to be postponed inasmuch as WOFSY had to attend the funeral of ROSE WORTIS, former CP, USA, functionary.

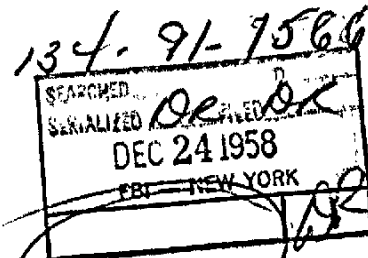
WOFSY gave CHILDS \$3000.00 to hold as a depository, stating the said money had been given to him by STANLEY and ROY LEVISON as partial payment of the \$4000.00 they had promised to donate to the CP Reserve Fund for 1958.

Concerning CHARLES KELNER and the latter's apparent intention to claim exclusive ownership of the building operated by the 12th-13th Realty Corporation, WOFSY said he had seen the lawyer (DAVID FREEDMAN) who told him that "Kelner will not be able to run away with the building."

WOFSY stated he would advise CHILDS regarding the date of the next finance committee meeting.

3 - Bureau (100-3-102)(RM)
 (1 - 100-3-63)(CP, USA, Funds)
1 - NY 134-91 (Inv)(415)
1 - NY 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds)(415)
1 - NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSY)(415)
1 - NY 100-64061 (JACK CHILDS)(415)
1 - NY 100-64424 (CHARLES KELNER)(424)
1 - NY 100-111180 (STANLEY LEVISON)(425)
1 - NY 100-70303 (12th-13th Realty Corp.)(411)
1 - NY 100-13525 (ROSE WORTIS)
1 - NY 100-58757 (DAVID FREEDMAN)(424)
1 - NY 100-128861 (415)

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Identity of source NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

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Date of activity 12/23/58

Date received 12/24/58

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 12/24/58, NY 694-S* advised that in a conversation with BILL LAWRENCE (WILLIAM LAZAR) on 12/23/58, the latter told him the following:

LAWRENCE currently is doing no work for the CP inasmuch as "the guys (CP functionaries) have put me on the black list." LAWRENCE was bitter because CP functionaries disregarded his warning that [] was embezzling CP funds, and his insistence that something be done about it.

LAWRENCE said he could point to various business enterprises in Brooklyn which were CP property, but which now are being operated for the personal profit of []. He identified only one of these business enterprises, identifying it as "Rubin Chemists, Inc., located at Eastern Parkway and Nostrand Avenue." LAWRENCE mentioned that this drug store does a "fabulous business."

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(1) - NY 134-91 (Inv)(415)
1 - NY 100-134146 (Rubin Chemists, Inc.)(416)
1 - NY 100-128861 (CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Fund)(415)
1 - NY 100-128314 (NY State CP Funds)(416)
1 - NY 100-52959 [] (422)
1 - NY 100-467 (BILL LAWRENCE (WM. LAZAR)(416)
1 - NY 100-74560 (415)

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